



DIVISION SIX BCA NEWSLETTER



A newsletter published for the members of BCA Division Six from the great states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri!

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'I used to look at (my dog) Smokey and think, 'If you were a little smarter you could tell me what you were thinking,' and he'd look at me like he was saying, 'If you were a little smarter, I wouldn't have to' Fred Junglaus

Div VI Minutes

Meeting was called to order 1/25/06 in Eureka MO by President Linda Shelburg

Roll Call In attendance: Marilyn Burdick: Darlene Stuedemann: Patsy Hart: Michael Rathje: Jo Hanson: Dean Dickey: Rick Hart: Randy Miller: Linda Shelburg: Kym Thew: Randy Banta: Absent Bev Larrick: Russ Schuveiller.

Treasurers Report: Michael reported that 189 members renewed and we have 2 transferees and 14 new members bring us over 200. He is sending the BCA Treasurer the annual dues and IRS tax form. 990. Michael also put into place two CD's that will roll over every 14 days. Motion to approve by Kym second by Jo. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve as submitted by Kym, second by Randy Banta, carried.

Report of Board: Dean reported that C. D. Richardson did not make the hall of fame for the year 2005. Much more documentation of his contributions to the BCA are needed before he will be considered. Dean asked that anyone with information on C. D. get it to him so he can write a better biography of him for this year.

Report of Officers None

Report of Councilors None

Unfinished Business: Michael gave an update on the 2009 nationals. He received the full Show guideline from Kyle Fisher. Hotels are being looked at and they have a few national themes they are considering. Darlene reported that Ed Scully is not going to be doing the BCA web site any longer and Beverly Robinson will be helping with it. Darlene also said that if anyone has any more information on Division History please let Michael know and he will get it to Darlene.

Correspondence A letter from the Bulldog Club of Utah who is putting on their first specialty and if anyone is interested in going contact Susan Tibbetts 801-571-9248. Linda also received a letter from the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs thanking us for the donation.

Election of New Members: Rodney Mason, Bellevue, NE: Chris Barone, Nixa, MO: Paula & John Peters: Ramsey, MN: Don McGee, Wichita, KS: Clinton Carroll, Rapid City, SD: Dawn Castillo, Caulfield, MO: Kathy Riehs, Redwood Falls, MN: Brenda Reno, St John, KS: Kay Brenner, Armour, SD: Damon McLeod Pleasant Hill, IA: Bill Myers, West Des Moines, IA: Elden Kraus., Chesterfield, MO: Oscar Ochog, Kansas City, MO

Transfer Karen Sims: Motion to accept applications by Jo, seconded by Dean, carried.

New Business: Dates for Div meetings HABC April 22, 2006; BCCI, September 9 2006; SPMBC? : Linda received a letter from Stephanie Light and Bev Larrick will stay on as BCARN Div VI rescue coordinator. Jo asked if each club could get a person to do the information for the Bulldogger. Jo also informed Div that we have only 10 medallions left. Rick and Linda will see what prices they can get them for. Also, the price for engraving has gone up. After much discussion it was decided that Div will pay for engraving and each medallion will have CH, the full registered name of dog and the month, day and year finished.. Karen, editor of the newsletter, asked if the Div would consider not charging for brags and see if that will get more interest. Motion by Randy, second by Rick, to drop the fee for brags for 2006, carried.

Motion by Kym, second by Jo, to adjourn carried

Submitted by Jo Hanson

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul -- chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

-Anne Tyler



See all details and the premium list at

<http://www.bulldogclubofdenver.net/showinfo/index.html>

BULLDOG CLUB OF DENVER SPECIALTY SHOWS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006 • JUDGE: MS. RUTH A. WILLIAMS

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2006 • JUDGE: MS. GERTRUDE FREEDMAN

GET WELL SOON!

Get well to Wayne Brower as he recently
colon cancer surgery Friday and is doing fine...Jo Hanson

BRAGS

Submit your brags today! **No charge!** Just email, mail, or phone Karen today!

Reingold English Ivy gave birth to 3 M, 1 F on September 24th. Sire of the litter is Ch. Adamants Show and Tell. On November 18th, Ivy's sister, Ch. Reingold Just Amazing followed suit with her own batch of babies. Mazey's litter was sired by Ch. Cherokee Pretty Boy. Mazey had 3 females and 2 males...and they are all quite "pretty" themselves. Owners/Breeders are Rita Guthmiller & Reiny Guthmiller

I want to submit Destiny's brag: 5 pt specialty major at BCGSL under Breeder Judge Mel Berger!!
Jennie Brandon

Nov 26, 2005 RIVERBENDS CoCo (Owned and loved by Andy & Kathie Riehs) and Ch REINGOLDS ARISTOCRAT (Owned and loved by Rita & Reiny Guthmiller) had a litter of 8!!

Champion Beauties Amos got the Beckett Award for the male producing the most Champions in the last five years. Darlene Stuedemann

Our son, Keith, qualified for the Div. I NCAA wrestling tournament. He won, lost, won, lost, which made him in the final 16 of the nation, in the 149 pound class. Dean & Eva Dickey

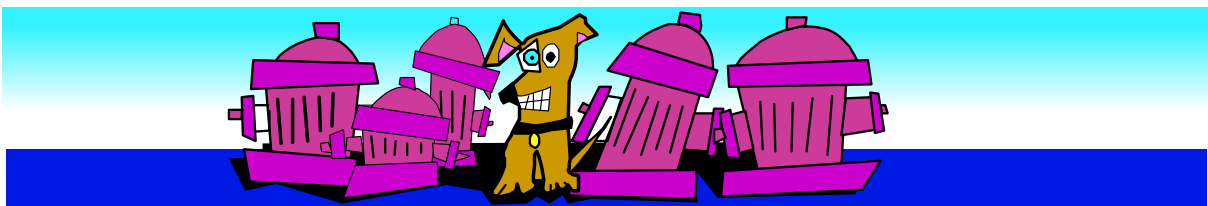
Does Your Dog Own You?

See how many of these statements apply to you and your dog.

- * You believe every dog is a lap dog.
- * If you are cold, you put a sweater on your dog.
- * You have a picture of your dog in your wallet, but not one of your kids.
- * You often claim that it was love at first sight with you and your dog.
- * You have your dog talk to your friends on the phone.
- * You can't fully enjoy yourself without your dog.
- * No matter how large your bed is, it is not large enough for you and your dog(s).
- * You spend more on clothes and food for your dog than you do for yourself.
- * You have no reservations about kissing your dog on the lips, even when you know where his lips have been.
- * You believe it is your duty to talk to, pat, and even feed every dog in the neighborhood. You know their names.
- * You let the neighbor's dog sleep over.
- * You believe there is no such thing as a naughty dog.
- * Your vet and grooming bills exceed your rent.
- * When you need someone to talk to, your dog is your first choice.
- * You sit on the floor if the dog got in the chair first.
- * You talk to your dog when you are driving. He answers.
- * Your dog taught you to fetch and roll over.



Thanks to Dana Huntington for this submission



Puppy Property Laws

- If I like it, it's mine.
- If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
- If I can take it from you, it's mine.
- If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
- If it looks just like mine, it's mine.
- If I saw it first, it's mine.
- If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
- If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
- If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
- If it's broken, it's yours.



AKC STANDING DELEGATE COMMITTEES

November, 2005

To: AKC Parent Clubs
From: Delegates' Parent Club and Canine Health Committees

The American Kennel Club Delegates' Canine Health Committee and the AKC Delegates' Parent Club Committee join in asking that all Parent Clubs launch an initiative to increase the use of DNA for parentage identification of all breeding stock.

Breeders and dog owners may voluntarily DNA profile their AKC-registered dogs. DNA is required from frequently used sires and imported breeding stock prior to AKC litter registration, for dogs whose semen is collected for fresh-extended or frozen use, and for sires, dams and puppies in multiple-sired litters.

Our committees believe all breeding stock should be AKC DNA profiled for parentage verification. This is the best way to uphold the integrity of the AKC stud book. In addition, for clubs seeking genetic tests for health problems, positive identification of the gene pool must be a first step.

The following are a few suggestions which your club can use to encourage DNA parentage identification of breeding stock. This identification could be required for:

1. Parent Club membership
2. Eligibility for club awards, in particular, awards based on breeding programs
3. Entry at National Specialties and other Parent Club events
4. Inclusion in breeder referral lists
5. Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) participation

The cheek swabs for AKC DNA profiling are easy to use and economical. They are available on an individual basis from AKC, or can be obtained at a discount for use at Parent Club events. For more information, go to www.akc.org and click on "Registration" and then "DNA."

Although Parent Club members represent only a small percentage of breeders, you form the nucleus of the fancy. Your club members' participation in the AKC DNA profiling program will be a model for all breeders. Therefore, we ask that you join us in encouraging AKC DNA profiling. Please forward to us ideas or other initiatives your club may have implemented.

We look forward to working with you as we strive to maintain the integrity of our AKC pedigrees.

Sincerely,

Patricia W. Laurans
Chair, Parent Club Committee

Dr. William R. Newman
Chair, Canine Health Committee

(The opinions and requests herein are those of the indicated committees and may not necessarily reflect the official position of The American Kennel Club.)

Submitted by Jo Hanson

Rescue_{in}MN

Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue has been quite active this past year rehoming Bulldogs. The amount of dogs needing new homes seems to be steadily increasing as more people become aware of breed rescue organizations. To help pay expenses associated with rehabilitating these Bulldogs, Love-a-Bull Rescue will be holding two silent auctions in the coming months. The first silent auction will be held in conjunction with the SPMBC specialty shows on, May 19th and 20th and will be held during the specialty show banquet. The other silent auction will be held on June 17th, after the SPMBC puppy match and picnic. Once the club activities have finished, the final bids for the silent auction items will be accepted.

We would like to thank the SPMBC for allowing us the opportunity to hold these fundraising events at these two club functions. These silent auctions will raise funds for expenses related to rehoming Bulldogs in the state of Minnesota. Not only will you have a chance to purchase some nice Bulldog memorabilia, you will be supporting a good cause at the same time.

Here is a sampling of the items that will be auctioned off at future Love-a-Bull Rescue silent auctions. There will be lots of good stuff. Check it out!



Anyone wishing to donate items to Love-a-Bull Rescue should contact Marcia Tiegs by phone at: 952-445-6836 or email: shortlilme@msn.com There are many different ways in which you could lend a hand for Bulldog rescue. If you would like to know how you can help, please contact your local rescue group for more information. If you would like to volunteer with Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue, contact Marcia and she can give you more details about this worthwhile cause.

Love-a-Bull Rescue hopes to have its website operational soon. We will be adding more features as time goes on. Check it out at: www.mnbulldogrescue.org For those who may not have internet access, you can phone the Love-a-Bull Rescue "hotline" at: 763-862-7170 to leave a message. You will be contacted within a few days' time. We thank you for your support.

resistance is useless
puppy love



Gracee's Goodies

Gracee submits goodie recipes, yes, human ones, too with a little help from her friends. (Thanks Gracee and Kym Thew!)
Any submissions are welcome!

Banana Bully Oat Woofles

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 1/2 cups quick rolled oats
3/4 canola oil
1/2 cup honey
1 large egg
2 medium ripe bananas, mashed
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Grease 2 baking sheets w/nonstick vegetable spray.

Stir together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and oats in a bowl and set aside. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer on low speed, mix the oil, honey, egg, bananas, and vanilla until thoroughly combined. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients.

Drop the dough by the rounded teaspoonful, 2 inches apart, on the baking sheets. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until light golden.

Store in an airtight container for up to 1 week, or wrap well and freeze for up to 2 months.

Thanks to Kym Thew for this submission

Rescue_{in}KS

So far in 2006, H.U.B. Bulldog Rescue has placed 6 dogs. We are working on placing number 7. This one is very special because he has no back feet. He was left in a boarding kennel last July, and his owners never came back. After giving up on them, the kennel owner called to surrender him to rescue. He is only 2 1/2 years old and very playful - he looks as if he is walking on his tiptoes! We had him neutered and posted his picture on the BCA website, hoping to find someone for him. Were we ever surprised when we received over the course of one week - 80 applications just for Bruiser!! I have promised to make a decision soon - and it is my hope that the people who do not get to adopt him will adopt other bulldogs in need. We had apps from all over the U.S., Canada, and even one from Brazil. We will again have a Rescue display at our Heart of America Bulldog Club shows in April. (Karen - if you have not planned to put something in already, please put the following in the newsletter:) HABC Specialty Shows will be held on April 22 and 23, 2006. Due to unfortunate circumstances beyond our control, our show site has to be changed! Please watch for your confirmation and note the new show site. (see page 10)
Sandy
Thank you Sandy Aspey for this submission

Q&A_{w/Dr. Hutch}

Question: Comparing AI methods
Can you compare the success rates of fresh chilled vs. frozen semen, and surgical implant vs AI vs transcervical insemination?

DrHutch: The type of insemination method depends on two things: Age of the bitch and

health of the semen you put in. Unfortunately, a misnomer exists that the transcervical insemination replaces surgical insemination. This is totally false. Transcervical insemination improves upon VAGINAL artificial insemination, it does not replace the surgical.

In a regular AI, vaginal, the semen is deposited at the entrance to the cervix, the tie is simulated. often by taking a rubber glove and stroking the vaginal tract, which causes oxytocin release. which causes the semen to be pumped up to the uterus. So we know compromised (frozen) semen, which is weaker and will only live about 12 hours, needs to be deposited into the uterus. Conception rates from frozen semen put in vaginally are 11 percent Conception rates from frozen semen put into the uterus are 83 percent. The transcervical is taking an endoscope, visualizing the entrance to the cervix, and putting a catheter through the cervix and putting the semen into the uterus. It does not require anesthetic; the bitch just stands there. In our practice we just watch it on television... better than watching Oprah.

The drawback to a transcervical insemination is you don't get a chance to evaluate the uterus. In a surgical insemination, I have the uterus in my hand. I can feel for cysts, I can visualize where to put the semen. In many cases, by breaking down cysts, I can take conception rates from zero percent to 100 percent.

Using fresh semen in a young bitch is still a regular vaginal AI. Compromised semen which is either poor quality semen, fresh cooled semen, or frozen semen, in a young bitch, should be transcervical insemination. Using poor quality semen in a bitch 4 and a half to five years or older, you want to do a surgical insemination so the uterus can be evaluated.

A surgical insemination is always your greatest chance of having puppies.

Question: Do we need to spin down the semen for a transcervical insemination?

DrHutch: Since the uterus only holds less than a teaspoon, we will oftentimes centrifuge the semen so that the whole volume will stay in the uterus rather than running out through the cervix.

Because the cervix is open in a bitch in season, bacteria can go back and forth into the uterus, so the transcervical insemination does NOT introduce more bacteria than normal into the uterus, no matter which insemination is used, including natural.

Conception occurs from all of these in the same place, the Fallopian tubes, so the method of insemination does not alter the location of the puppies in the uterus, the lack of ease of delivery, or positioning of the puppies.

Question: What part of the ejaculate is the semen in?

DrHutch: The male ejaculates in three distinct fractions. The first fraction just cleans the pipes. The second fraction contains the sperm; that's the part that should look milky and thick. You stop collecting when you see the prostatic fluid, which looks like water. Volume is not important; no one has a trophy for collecting a quart of dog semen.

Question: How is a surgical AI done?

DrHutch: A surgical insemination is a minor procedure that is done under an anesthetic. I use propofol and sevothane, the same anesthetics we use for c-sections, for our surgical Ais. The procedure lasts approximately ten minutes. I make an incision into the abdomen, like a mini mini spay incision - unless I sneeze, then it gets bigger - then I isolate the uterus in my hand. The semen is injected into the uterus using a 22 gauge needle, the same size needle used for vaccine. This will not negatively impact future breedings.

It is SO COOL because I can see the uterus fill with the semen; it's like watching the Discovery Channel. I put in three stiches, five staples, the whole procedure from the time she walks in the door is less than an hour.

Question: How long does frozen semen last, stored?

DrHutch: Frozen semen lasts stored, probably forever. It uses minimal energy when it's stored in the

liquid nitrogen at minus 322 degrees F. We had a litter recently from semen that had been stored 25 years, it looked just as good as the day it was frozen. It was great to see the sperm swimming around again, happy to be warm!

The way we package our frozen semen is by the number of normal live sperm cells per dose. A dog with a great sperm count may get multiple multiple breedings out of each collection... a dog with lower sperm count may get one. We calculate our dose so that each breeding has a set number of live normal sperm, rather than by volume or by a set number.

Question: When there is a poor semen sample, is there a way to isolate the viable sperm?

DrHutch: We don't worry about the abnormal sperm, other than mathematically eliminating them, because abnormal sperm does not cause abnormal puppies, so there is no reason to eliminate them

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YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TOO MANY DOGS!!!

1. When you have more grass in your driveway than in your backyard.
2. When your neighbors find ANY dog running loose and automatically bring it to your house.
3. When you want to watch TV and you have to sit on the floor because all of the furniture is "occupied".
4. When it takes you longer to wash your dogs' dishes than your own.
5. When you have to use a wash tub for a water dish.
6. When you have to run an obstacle course to get to the phone.
7. When you see one of your dogs doing something bad (like chewing something up or leaving a "dog deposit" on the rug) and you have to run through the entire list of dogs' names in order to yell at the right one and by then it is too late.
8. When the haz-mat team comes to your house on trash day to handle the "deposits" that you have placed in your trash can.
9. When you have all of your dogs in the back seat of your car and it automatically changes lanes when they move to the other side of the car.
10. When you NEVER go anywhere for a vacation because it costs more to kennel your dogs than to go to Hawaii.
11. When you have an extension on your king-sized bed so you all fit.
12. When Iams/Eukanuba makes home deliveries.
13. When you move your bedroom into the garage and put a king and queen sized bed together so all of your dogs can sleep with you.
14. When you can't remember all of your dogs' names and just call them by colors.... 'black dog'.
15. When you take your dogs for a run in the park and people think it is a dog show. [more like a 3-ring circus!!!]
Thanks to Linda Miller for this submission!



We moved our show!

**Heart of America Bulldog Club shows April 22-23.
Closes April 5th at noon.
Judges: Mr. Van Blevins and Ms. Elizabeth Karshner.**

**We do have a new show site- Holiday Inn Olathe.
\$69/night no pet deposit. RV access in parking lot, but
no hookups. Address is 101 W 151st st Olathe, KS 66061
phone 913-829-4000**

Jim Bullard, Show Chair

IF A DOG WERE THE TEACHER, YOU WOULD LEARN:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
Take naps.
Stretch before rising
Run, romp, and play daily.
Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout ... run right back and make friends.
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



Club News

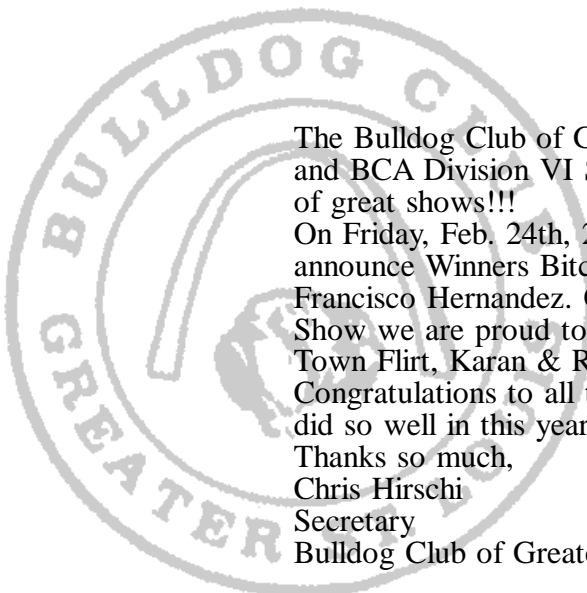
The Bulldog Club of Central Iowa is busy planning for our specialty show on September 8. We hope to see many of you in attendance!

Members, Joe and Cathly McGill, are hosting our annual Bulldog Pool Party on June 11 in their back yard. We have several wading pools for the dogs and just turn them loose! They have a great time while their humans visit and stuff our faces with food. Later in the fall, we will have our second annual Bullie Fest, also at the McGill's.

We have decided to hold meetings every other month for 2006. They will be in the even numbered months and notices will be sent as usual giving the date and time.

Hope you all have a great summer! Linda Shelburg

Bulldog Club of Central Iowa



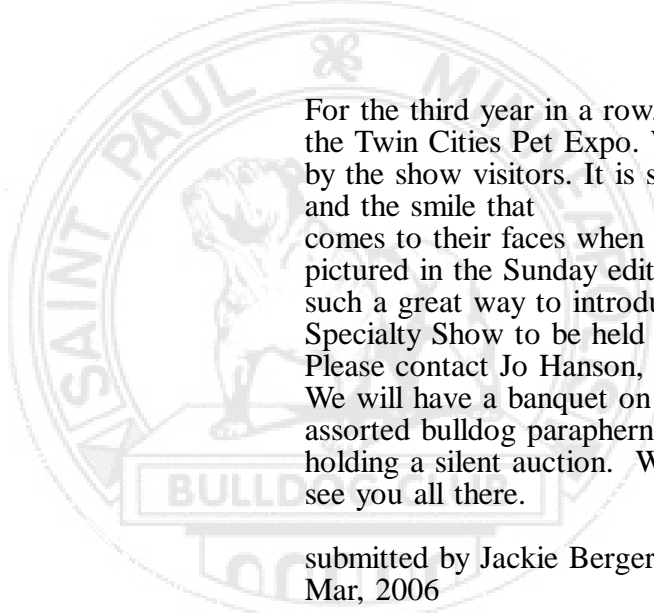
The Bulldog Club of Greater St. Louis held it's 46th Annual Specialty Show and BCA Division VI Show on February 24, 25, 26, 2006! What a weekend of great shows!!!

On Friday, Feb. 24th, 2006 at the BCGSL Specialty Show we are proud to announce Winners Bitch #54 Desirabull Destiny of Nande, Jennie Brandon & Francisco Hernandez. On Sunday, Feb. 26th, 2006 at the BCA Division VI Show we are proud to announce Best of Opposite CH K's Note-A-Bull Litl Town Flirt, Karan & Rudy Kilgus.

Congratulations to all the winners - and especially to our club members who did so well in this year's specialty!

Thanks so much,
Chris Hirschi
Secretary

Bulldog Club of Greater St. Louis



For the third year in a row, The St. Paul/Minneapolis Bulldog Club had a booth at the Twin Cities Pet Expo. We had a hug/photo booth that was very well received by the show visitors. It is so fun to see so many people interested in the bulldog and the smile that comes to their faces when they see the bulldog. One of the bulldogs was even pictured in the Sunday edition of the Pioneer Press. Opportunities like this are such a great way to introduce the bulldog to the public. Get ready for our annual Specialty Show to be held May 19 & 20 at the Best Western, Maplewood, MN. Please contact Jo Hanson, show secretary, for a premium list milt-jo@msn.com. We will have a banquet on Friday night and of course hospitality and raffles of assorted bulldog paraphernalia. The local bulldog rescue group will also be holding a silent auction. We are planning for another fun weekend and hope to see you all there.

submitted by Jackie Bergeron, club secretary
Mar, 2006

**Back issues of the division newsletter can be found on the
Division VI web site at
www.bcadivision6.org/newsletter.htm**

WHY DOGS DON'T LIVE AS LONG AS PEOPLE
(Copied - Author unknown) (via the Drs. Jastak)

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owner, his wife, and their little boy were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer.

I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, the owners told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old boy to observe the procedure. They felt he could learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. The little boy seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. The little boy, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

The boy said, "Everybody is born so that they can learn how to live a good life, like loving everybody and being nice, right?" He continued calmly, "Well, see? Animals already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long." Thank you to John Gann for this submission

NOTE FROM THE DOG



Dear Master,

The cat is despicable. She doesn't do any tricks and never comes when you call and I've been there and I know she can hear you. We need to face the facts. IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF THE CAT.

Before the cat's arrival, meals were very festive times. I would sit and stare attentively at your lips, trembling slightly and drooling. You would play the game of pretending to be cross and demand that I leave the area, but whenever you cooked dinner your children would slip me bites of food under the table.

Now, though, the cat is allowed to jump on the table -- actually physically walk on the table! You don't yell at the cat, you just pick her up and put her back on the floor, and I know you don't see it, but she always gives me a haughty look as she saunters past me.

And speaking of meals, I have always been satisfied to eat the gritty pellets of meat by-products you bring home in the giant bags, right? Have I ever once, ever, failed to finish a meal? But now I find out that the cat is being served lobster and salmon and crab - and she never consumes all of it! This means there are little containers of delectable snacks lying around and how can I be blamed for making sure they get eaten? Why do you get so mad? As long as the pet food is going to the pets, isn't that what's important?

Speaking of sanitation, do you realize that the cat goes to the bathroom in the house? And not in the drinking basins like you do, but in a sandbox in the basement. What are we going to say if some woman brings her baby over to play in the sandbox and the cat has been using it as a toilet? I used to police the thing for you, but you put it up out of my reach for some reason.

I don't understand why the cat is allowed up on the bed and I'm not. I am far more cuddly than any stupid cat. I think her purring sounds unhealthy and may be a sign of tuberculosis.

And why doesn't she ever get a bath? She smells like saliva from licking her paws - you'd never catch me licking such ridiculous places. I often smell wonderful from rolling in road kill, yet you give me baths all the time.

And speaking of sleeping, sometimes I'll be taking a nap and she'll come right up and lie down beside me. Usually I'm too tired to do anything about it, but then later the other dogs smell her scent on me and crack a lot of jokes at my expense.

So, not to exaggerate, but the cat has brought the family to complete ruin. I'm sorry I have to be the one to bring it to your attention, but now that I have, I think we can all agree that we should go back to the way it was, when I was the #1 pet.

Sincerely,
The Dog

P.S. I tried to get a note from the fish concerning the cat, but apparently the fish believes that everything happening outside its bowl is some kind of reality TV show.

Thanks to Frank Podgorski for this submission!



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**See HABC's announcement
about their upcoming specialty
on page 10!**