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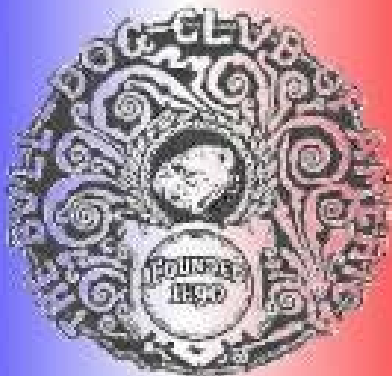
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To The Rescue

More Rescue Myth Busters -- The Truth of the Matter: Part 2 by Rita Guthmiller

As I mentioned in the previous edition of this newsletter, I've heard various comments about Bulldog Rescue that are inaccurate in their claims. So I'm going to address a few more of these erroneous assumptions to set the record straight.



Myth: "Rescues operate too much like a business and some potentially good owners can't afford to adopt a rescue dog because of the high adoption fees."

If rescue groups did not operate "like a business" they could not function for long. Just like you, we have to pay for everything rescue dogs need, such as such as vet care and food. Adoption fees have to be high enough to cover most of these costs. Adoption fees vary depending on the health and age of the dog. In this area, that runs anywhere from \$100 to \$600, with an adoption fee of about \$400 being "average". We are very aware that people are only willing to pay so much for an adult dog and often times we have veterinary expenses that will exceed the adoption donation. We are of the opinion that if a person can't afford a \$400 adoption fee for a Bulldog, odds are they can't afford the care it may require throughout its lifetime either.

All Bulldogs coming into rescue normally are seen by a veterinarian at least once. Unless they were recently seen by a vet before they were surrendered and are current on vaccinations, they have to receive a "wellness exam" and get brought up to date on vaccinations before placement. If they are not already spayed or neutered, this has to be done also before rehoming. Any acute medical conditions that can be corrected must also be addressed.

As generous as our "rescue vets" are with their discounts, they have to charge us for services rendered--they have expenses too, and those charges add up. Payment of veterinary services is always a rescue's largest expense. Veterinarians can't work for free and smaller rescue groups don't have cooperate sponsorships like some of the larger all-breed shelters, so unfortunately, we don't have the resources to subsidize expenses to the same degree. We do fundraising to supplement adoption donations, but smaller groups usually don't have the manpower or opportunity to do a lot of elaborate fundraising. This means that the bulk of our expenses will be paid for by adoption donations.

As any Bulldog breeder knows, Bulldogs often have conformation issues that will need surgical intervention to correct. And that means money needs to be spent. Do you think an otherwise healthy Bulldog should have to be euthanized just because it has a defect that needs surgical correction? We don't. Not all owners can afford these

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surgeries. So in some cases, we are saving a dog from euthanasia because our rescue exists. Rescue groups can be a dog's last shot for survival.



"Rescue Bulldogs all come from Backyard Breeders or Puppy Mills. BCA members don't have to support Bulldog Rescue because the dogs in rescue aren't BCA-bred dogs."

BCARN affiliated rescue groups typically will contact BCA members if they are aware that a dog bred by a BCA member ends up in their rescue. Unfortunately, many dogs coming into our rescue don't have their AKC paperwork stating who the breeder of the dog is and owners often don't remember who the breeder was. So we are unable to trace breeders in those cases.

Would it surprise you to learn that for the dogs that come in to our rescue that have pedigrees in their paperwork, the majority of these have at least one, and usually multiple, BCA members' dogs in those pedigrees? I have seen many "big names" in the pedigrees of the dogs that come into rescue.

Any breeder who sells an intact puppy to another person will full registration runs the risk that eventually a dog they've bred will end up in a pedigree of a rescue dog. Same thing if a breeder stands one of his/her dogs at stud. The reality is that you lose control of your bloodline sooner or later if you sell puppies or someone has a litter out of your stud dog. There is no way to prevent it unless every puppy is spayed/neutered before placement and you follow every single puppy throughout its lifetime to make sure that the family you sold it to has never had a divorce or financial crisis or some other event which might lead them to contact a rescue group for assistance.

If you are a breeder, I'd like you to know that just because a rescue group has never contacted you, it doesn't necessarily mean that none of your dogs are ancestors of a rescue dog. If you have never contacted any rescue group to ask, don't assume you are "safe". I think some breeders would be surprised what I would tell them if they were to ask me if their kennel name has appeared in any pedigrees of rescue dogs. I wonder then if some of these breeders who think that rescue does not concern them would change their minds about rescue and maybe feel that what we are doing is worth their consideration if they knew this information?

I find it ironic that our group has received monetary donations from perfect strangers while many "show breeders" prefer to pretend that breed rescue does not concern them. Would knowing that their champion is a grandsire to rescue dog "Fido" make

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a difference in their attitudes? Maybe. It shouldn't really matter as the possibility always exists. However, I'd like it to be known that if a breeder ever wants to contact me to ask, I'll be happy to let them know if I've even seen their kennel name in a pedigree but even if they are "in the clear", they shouldn't be too complacent as that could change at any time.

Bulldogs are not the breed for everyone. Sometimes family situations change and people feel that a rescue group can do a better job of finding a good home for their dog. Some very nice Bulldogs end up in rescue through no fault of their own. If a breeder will not or cannot take the dog back, then a breed-specific rescue is the best option for successfully placing these dogs in suitable homes. Without Bulldog rescue, Bulldogs would end up in shelters and that is not good for the individual dogs or the breed's image either.

"The Greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Mahatma Ghandi



SPECIALTY

Heart of America Bulldog Club Annual Specialty Show

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



March 23, 2012

Wendell Tinsley (sweeps)

Ruth Williams

March 24, 2012

Pat Tinsley (sweeps)

Sandra McBride

Specialty Show and Sweepstakes



March 25, 2012

Rick Franz

Specialty Show

For further information, visit our web site, <http://heartofamericabulldogclub.org/>

Or contact John Gann DVM, Show Chairman

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Holiday Inn, Six Flags, Eureka, MO

February 24th, 2012 Robert Keller, Judge, Donna Stoffer, Sweeps

February 25th, 2012 Clinton Mugarussa, Judge, Shawn Ashbaugh, Sweeps

February 26th, 2012 Claudia Brown, Judge

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Quality Inn Independence, Independence, MO

March 23rd, 2012, Ruth Williams, Judge, Wendell Tinsley, Sweeps

March 24th, 2012, Sandra McBride, Judge, Pat Tinsley, Sweeps

March 25th, 2012, Rick Franz, Judge

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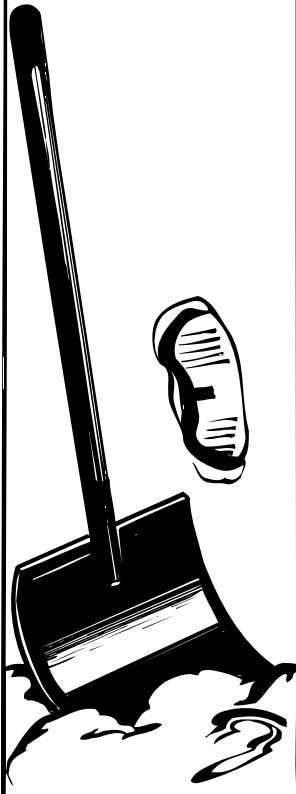
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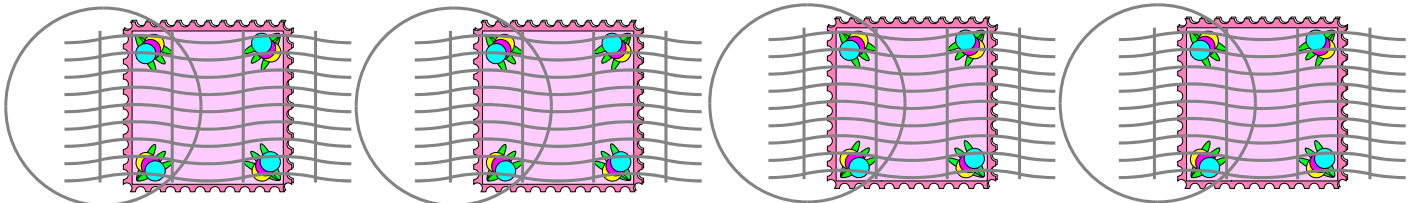
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Club Reports

The St Paul-Minneapolis Bulldog has been very busy this fall with our Carnival in September, Halloween Party in October, Elections in November and our first ever Barktique in December (boutique with all dog related items). Our board members for 2012 are Kym Thew, President; Linda Miller, VP; Jo Hanson, treasurer; Jackie Bergeron, secretary; board members Mary Amann, Jen Kvidera-Lentsch, Rita Guthmiller, Dan Zemke and Pam Richards. We will be holding our annual Holiday party at the Machine Shed in Lake Elmo. We will be having a great dinner, our fun gift exchange and lots of bulldog banter. If you will be in town for the Land O' Lakes kennel club show, be sure to join us on January 7, 2012 in the evening at the Machine Shed.

It is with a heavy heart we share the sad news of the passing of Bill Tisdell on December 5. Bill and his wife Lois were founding members of our club. As lifetime members of our club, they have continued their support of the club over many years as active members, chairs of the ways and means committee and served as Chief Ring Stewards for the BCA Nationals in 1977 and 2002. Bill was a true friend of the bulldog and we will miss his smile and fun sense of humor. Bill leaves behind his beloved wife Lois, his sweet dog Kelly, 7 children, 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We know that Paddy will be waiting for him at the Rainbow Bridge - along with all the other bulldogs that have shared their lives with the Tisdell family. We will miss you Bill



submitted by: Jackie Bergeron, Secretary



The Bulldog Club of Greater St. Louis wants to invite you to 3 days of speciality shows February 24th - 26th 2012. Our judges are Robert Keller, Clinton Mugurussa and Claudia Brown.

Sweeps judges for Friday night night and Saturday morning are Donna Stoffer and Shawn Ashbaugh. Hospitality will be provided. There will be a casual banquet, raffle and auction on Saturday night. This event will be at the Holiday Inn -Six Flags in Eureka Missouri. Contact the show secretary for a premium list at ehotze@charter.net

Club Reports

BCCI members have done well in recent shows! River City's and Uptown's Harmony, owned by Susan and Scott Hanson, took 10 points out of the starting gate. In September, she was chosen at the Des Moines Specialty Show as Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best in Sweeps. Chris and Michelle Cazett's Jasper was awarded Winners Dog at the Des Moines Specialty Show in September. He was also awarded Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Winners Dog at the Mason City Kennel Club in October. In addition, Jasper was second in his class at the Nationals back up show. River City's Moby Dick, owned by Rod and Kim Mason, finished his championship at the Sioux Empire Kennel Club show in Sioux Falls, S.D. on October 30, 2011.



Bulldog Club of Central Iowa

The Heart of America Bulldog Club held our annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 11th in Lee's Summit, MO. There was a white elephant gift exchange that was fun and entertaining as usual. The food was delicious as always, we know how to cook in the Midwest!!!

We have also been busy getting details finalized for our 2012 specialty show to be held at the Quality Inn in Independence, MO March 23-25. Judges for this show are Pat & Wendell Tinsley for sweeps on Friday and Saturday with Ruth Williams, Sandra McBride, and Rick Franz judging the regular classes Friday-Sunday. Please watch for the premium lists to be available in February. We will be having a bigger and even better meal than last year for everyone to enjoy after the show on Saturday.



The members of Heart of America Bulldog Club want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, safe travels!!!

Pictures



Eleanor

Thanks for the picture Kym!



Minutes

President Linda Called The meeting to Order: 10/15/11 in Clear Lake Iowa

Roll Call: Marilyn Burdick; Stacey Gann: Jo Hanson, Patsy Hart; Rick Hart; Rod Mason: Randy Miller; Linda Shelburg; Kym Thew: Absent Randy Banta, Darlene Stuedemann: Eva Dickey, Bev Larrick

Treasurers Report: Motion by Kym second by Rick carried

Secretaries Report: Motion by Kym second by Rick carried

Ballot Counting: Ballots were counted and results are at bottom of page.

Report of Board: N/R

Report of Officers: N/R

Report of Councilors: Marilyn reported that the Amendment to the Constitution Passed.

Correspondence: N/R

Old Business: Jo stated that since she would not be on the Division board someone would be needed to be Division VI's Breeder Referral Contact; Randy Miller said he would do it.

New Business: Set meeting dates for 2012:- Bulldog Club of Greater St Louis February 25th 2012 St Paul Mpls Bulldog Club and Central Iowa Bulldog Club July 21st 2012 National Agenda: Honoree for 2013 Tabled.

Marilyn had suggested that the outgoing President sit in on a couple of the new Presidents meetings. Linda said if possible she would.

Minutes

New Members: Elysia Peterson, Sartell MN Motion by Kym second by Rick approved

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Rick to adjourn carried.

2012-2013 Division VI Officers-Board- Councilors

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Renewal

I just wanted to send a quick note to let you know to watch your mailboxes as I am mailing the BCA Division VI renewal forms Monday. Please return these (both copies) as soon as possible, before January 31, 2012 as that is the renewal deadline.

Thanks and I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Candie, Drake, Porterhouse, and Magoo

Thanks for the submission Erin!



Forward by Request

This message is being forwarded by request of the BCA.

Dear Colleague

As you may know, the New York Times recently published (on line Nov. 23 and in print Nov. 27) a lengthy article that seriously misrepresents the bulldog and all that we strive to achieve in our breeding programs. The reporter working on this article approached the BCA last summer, and members of the Executive Committee spent hours providing him with information about the breed, the Bulldog Standard and the BCA. Regrettably, very little of this information was included in the article.

The day this piece was published online, we pulled together a team to respond immediately to the New York Times, including posting a comment on the New York Times Magazine web site, sending a letter to the editor and posting a statement on the BCA web site. We also are working on an op-ed piece for submission to the Times.

Longer-term, it is clear that BCA needs to do more to educate the public about our breed and the Bulldog Standard, or our beautiful bullies, as we know them, will be in jeopardy. As the national organization for the breed, we will take a leadership role, but we cannot do it alone. Over the coming year, we will work to develop a proactive communications plan that will include tools that every member can use. It will take the efforts of the divisions and all local bulldog clubs to spread the word.

However, it is important that we do so with one voice. To that end, we ask that you do not comment directly on public social networks or to the New York Times about this article and, if you are contacted by a member of the media, please refer the inquiry to a member of the Executive Committee. Their contact information is listed in the BCA Membership Directory.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Rodenski

President, Bulldog Club of America

Forward by Request

On a lighter note,

Th' party's over.....until next year, that is!

What a week it was!

The show entry pages, marked with the winners, are posted on www.thecapitolbulldogclub.net. Go to the events page & click on the link.... it's a biggie, so may be slow...

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered, supported and entered the 2011 shows. It would not have been possible without each of you. We appreciate every contribution of time, sweat, and money. It's inevitable, when trying to thank everyone, that some get left out -- whether by missing publication deadlines or inadvertently. We thank you! Please let me know if you have not been acknowledged.

A newsletter will be prepared and emailed. If you have photos you'd like to share, please send them. If you'd like to comment on the week, forward that as well.

While constructive criticism is welcome, the newsletter will be used to focus on things that went well.....

Thank you, Bulldoggers!

Sincerely,

Robin



Deadlines

Why does the newsletter come out so far after the deadline?

I try to give enough "cushion" between the deadline and the end of the quarter so I get it out on time. It doesn't always happen though. There are many reasons the newsletter comes out "late" after the deadline. One of them is that I might be waiting for a submission from someone that has contacted me to say they can't make the deadline. Another is that I may be waiting for permission to reprint something that is copyrighted. Of course there is also the possibility my life got in the way or, gasp, a dog show!



I truly appreciate all submissions and value your additions to YOUR newsletter. Please consider submitting in 2012!

Your editor,
Karen