



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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We are so sorry that there will be no Christmas party or other Bullie related Christmas festivity because of COVID 19.

We will miss seeing all of you.

We hope that you might take the funds you would have spent on food, gift exchange and bingo and remember that rescue is still ongoing during the pandemic and consider making a donation via our Facebook page, PayPal, on our website or sending a check along with your dues for 2021.

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2021 CLUB DUES ARE DUE BY

Dec. 31st.

Suzan Jordan

1000 Fox Rd.

Knoxville, TN 37922

\$15 individual

\$25 family



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I'll be home for Christmas!

Bella Carolina began her life in California. She was purchased and brought to New York state. When her family moved to North Carolina she went with them. The family had some set backs due to the pandemic and decided it would be best to find a more stable home for her. Bella came to us in October and she had some special needs. She was timid and withdrawn due to not being well social-



BELLA CAROLINA

ized. She came into rescue in October and was adopted by Melissa. Bella has claimed the best sleeping spots in the house. Her favorite activity is snoring while Melissa Zooms for work. Melissa has found that Bella loves to chase a tennis ball and will run after it and bring it back. She is certainly coming out of her shell with the love and attention of her new "mom".



Avett came into rescue because he did not want to share his family with a new baby. Avett needed some training in respecting boundaries. So Avett swapped his old family for a new and more suitable one. He was adopted by Greg who already had a Pittie mix named Blue. Greg was experienced with Bullie breeds and Avett quickly accepted his place in the family. Now he naps on the sofa and plays chase and wrestle with Blue in the back yard. Avett is adapting well and enjoys showing off his great personality.



**LEELA AKA
RUTH BULLDOG GINSBERG**

Leela came into rescue with some vision impairment. She has only one eye—we do not know what happened. However that does not slow her down. She was adopted by Tracy as a birthday gift for Joe. Her new family renamed her Ruthie in memory of the late Supreme Court Justice. Ruthie is loving her new home and gets wiggly and so excited when ever Tracy and Joe are close by.



30 DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

During November our Officers and Board posted each day on our Facebook page

Thanking everyone who is part of our rescue program.

Vets, specialists, donors, fosters, transporters, supporting organizations

The posts tell in pictures, videos and stories our 20 year mission

If you are part of Facebook do go to our page and enjoy.

Smoky Mountains Bulldog Rescue

Healthy and Happy Bulldogs—tips and advice from Judee

Avoiding Holiday Disasters

Your holiday celebrations may be different this year as we all strive to stay safe. But those celebrations, no matter what form they may take, still pose some dangers for your Bullies. The American Veterinary Medical Association has some important tips for helping pets survive the holidays. I'll provide a few below, but for more information, you can visit their website at <https://www.facebook.com/avmavets>

Keep People Food Away From Your Bullies

If you want to give your Bullie holiday treats, buy or make treats specially formulated for dogs.

Especially hazardous foods to your Bullies include:

Chocolate, which is toxic to them.

All other sweets and baked goods. They not only are too rich for your Bullies, but some contain an artificial sweetener called xylitol, which has been linked to liver failure and death in dogs.

Turkey and turkey skin, which, even in small amounts, has been shown to cause pancreatitis in some dogs, which is life-threatening.

Other table scraps. Many foods that are healthy for people are poisonous to dogs, including onions, raisins and grapes.

Yeast dough can lead to painful gas and potentially dangerous bloating.

Keep Decoration Out of Your Bullies' Reach

Ornaments, if ingested, can cause injuries, toxicity and intestinal blockage.

Trees. If you have a live tree, do not add aspirin, sugar or anything else to the water.

Lights. If cords are chewed, it can cause burns.

Festive plants, including amaryllis, mistletoe, balsam, pine, cedar, holly and poinsettias can be dangerous and poisonous.

These tips are our holiday gift to you and your Bullies. Wish you and yours a very safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Judee Shuler

Kendee Bulldogs



*Throughout the year we rely on a group of donors whose contributions
Keep us fiscally secure*

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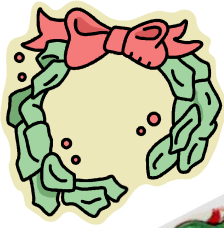
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*We also need to thank the very many people who support us financially through donations to our
Facebook Page via Guidestar. Those gifts are basically anonymous
so we cannot thank them directly,
But we are so grateful for their continued support.*



It's the day before Christmas
And all through the house
The puppies are squeaking
An old rubber mouse.



The wreath which had merrily
Hung on the door
Is scattered in pieces
All over the floor

The stocking that hung
In a neat little row
Now boast a hole in
Each one of the toes

The tree was subjected
To bright-eyed whims
An now, although splendid
Is missing some limbs



I catch them and hold them,
"Be good", I insist
They lick me, then run off
To see what they've missed.



And now as I watch them
The thought comes to me
That theirs is the spirit
That Christmas should be

Should children and puppies
Yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy
That should come with this day?



Happy Christmas to All



and to All a Good night



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WHO HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL
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