



# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB  
On the web at: <http://smbcarn.org/>

*Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club*

*Our next gathering will be*

*Sunday Feb. 26 at 2 pm*

*Turbo Spin*

*215 Brookview Center Way*



## Spinning with the Bullies

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It's back! We're teaming with [TurboSpin Cycling Studio](https://turbospincycling.zingfit.com/reserve/index.cfm...) for a charity ride benefiting our rescue. Please join our Board Member, Lisa and Bulldog Ambassador, Simba on Sunday February 26th at 2pm for a fun ride and support our organization in the process.

Only 27 bikes are available for this event.  
100% of the proceeds go to support the rescue.

To sign up, go to

<https://turbospincycling.zingfit.com/reserve/index.cfm...>

## New address for newsletter editor

You may be wondering what happened to the December newsletter....?

Our editor moved in December and just now is getting started back in her routines..

Mari's new address:

**5246 Brig Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37914**

**Please address all US Mail correspondence to her new address.**

### OFFICERS

#### President

Nikki Ewing

#### Vice President

• Tanya Price

#### Secretary & NL editor

• Mari DeCuir

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#### Treasurer

• Suzan Jordan

#### Board Members

- Joleen Dewald
- Denise Pridgen
- Lisa Warren

## HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2023??

SEND CHECK TO SUZAN JORDAN  
1000 FOX RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

INDIVIDUAL \$15  
FAMILY \$25



## Welcome New Rescue Families



During November and December Rescue welcomed four new families to the joys of being owned by a Bulldog!

### The Guilmette Family and Pancake



*The face I make when mom buys me a rain jacket!*

Pancake needed to be an only dog and the Guilmette family was looking for a younger male after they lost their dog. Pancake was ready even though he could do without the new wardrobe!

## The Brosk Family and Patch

Patch was in need of a home where he could be an only dog. The Brosk family stepped up and fell in love with this big boy.



### Melissa Michalak and Sasha

Sasha was rescued from a shelter by a volunteer, brought back to health and adopted by the Michalak family.



## The Owens Family and Daisy and Dozer



Daisy and Dozer came into rescue when their family could no longer care for them. They are a fun loving pair and quickly stole the hearts of the Owens' family. Christmas was a special celebration in the Owens household with Daisy and Dozer the center of the festivities.







### *Baxter — saved for a Good Life*

Baxter came into rescue from a good Samaritan who found him, got him vet care and called us to get find him a forever home. The Foster's in Nashville adopted him as a friend for their Roxie.

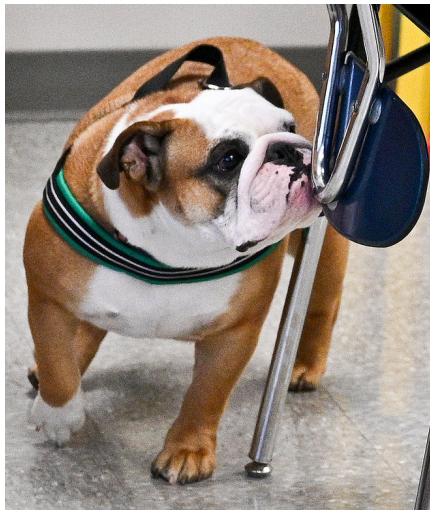
We adopted Baxter several years ago from Smoky Mountain Bull-dogs as a companion for our other bulldog Roxie. I have attached a picture of them (Bax is brown/white; Rox is white/

Several weeks ago, Roxie passed away. Baxter had seemed a bit down and not getting better, so we took him to the vet. We discovered today that he had widespread cancer, so we made the difficult decision to help him cross the Rainbow Bridge.

He was such a grumpy old man, but everyone absolutely adored him. He loved car rides, people, and sunshine. I can't thank you enough for trusting and blessing us with him. He was a joy to have in our lives.



## SMBC Show Dogs !



Tildy had a phenomenal weekend at the Mid-West Kentucky Kennel Club Scent Work Trial in Glendale, KY!! At our second AKC scent work trial, Tildy earned her Novice Buried, Novice Exterior, Novice Interiors and Novice Containers titles to complete her Scent Work Novice (SWN) level title!  
**CH SureShot Harmonix Dancing In the Shadows**  
**RN FDC SWN BCAT CGCA TKI ATT VHMP**

**CH. Kendee's Mysterious Lone Ranger's**  
 Official win pic from Clemson, SC January 7&8  
 Saturday judge April Clyde BOB and Sunday Todd Clyde.



**Board meeting**  
**Regular Board meeting (Quorum=4 board members)**

**Members Present.** Nikki, Tanya, Suzan, Mari, Joleen, Lisa

**Call to Order 7:10**

**Report of the Secretary** no correspondence

**Report of the Treasurer.** Suzan has transferred the funds from the Nationals Square account to the Rescue account. Tim Valentine paid dues via PP plus \$85.00. Also Bennett's sent a check for \$25.00 for their dues.

Report of Committees

Show Nationals were successful thanks to Bonnie Rogers, Jim Lindsey, Denise, Hileah Corbin and our breakfast workers, Suzan and Joleen. Haven't heard whether we will get our assessment money back.

We need to start thinking about our show in November. Need to check with TVKC to coordinate with them for our specialty. Suzan will contact Walter Sommerfeld about joining with TVKC for the fall shows.

Rescue (see Excel file). Placed Pancake, Patch, Daisy, Dozer and Sasha during October and November. Lost Lulu during TECA surgery. Suspended intakes during December so I could move. Totals for the Nationals Rescue table was about \$1100.00. WE did receive a donation from Mascota Tequila of \$250.00. We did receive a donation from sofabunny factory—does anyone know who that is?

Someone has accessed our logo and is selling shirts purporting to be from us. I posted a warning on the FB page and the seller has been blocked. Suzan has been reporting them to FB and blocking when they appear on the page. Lisa suggested that we look at the fee structure for adoptions and consider raising some of our fees to be in step with other Bulldog rescues around the region. Our fees currently are determined by the age and health of the dog and run between one hundred and five hundred. Mari will consider and raise the fees where appropriate.

Programs Do we want to try for a Yoga with the Bullies at the Long Run sometime in Feb or March? We discussed venues for Yoga with the Bullies: Bearden Beer Market, A Bridge and Ultimutts. Suzan will contact Trish at Ultimutts to see about using their facility on a Sunday afternoon. Lisa suggested Sunday Feb 26 for a Turbo Spin event. She will check with them to set it up. She volunteered Simba as the honorary greeter Bullie for the day.

Fundraising We did sell shirts and garden flag at the Nationals, the remainder are in Mari's new garage.

Hileah's wreaths were a big hit at the Nationals, they sold for \$65.00 each. We could have sold more. Mari will try to encourage Hileah to make some more to sell on FB. We also discussed some spring garden flags to sell. Suzan reported that some folks would like to see a shirt with our club logo on it. We could sell them to help the club account. Both polo shirts and other collared shirts were mentioned rather than a T-shirt style. We will need to get some prices and shirt styles to get started.

**Old Business**—

**New Business**— Lisa suggested that we look into the Kroger Community program (similar to Amazon Smile). Mari will put together the necessary documents and mail to Kroger. We can then ask our followers to join up and we will get a small portion each time their Kroger card is used.

Next Meeting Thursday March 2 at 7 pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 8:15



*Diesel — a perfect home*

Diesel came into rescue after being moved around in several homes which caused some problems. He had a serious ear infection which was affecting his behavior. We were able to find a suitable home with Matt Wagner who had no other dogs and lived on a farm—a perfect home for Diesel.

Letting u know that my boy Diesel has crossed the rainbow bridge at 12:45 today. He was a great dog and glad he had me to cross with. They said he had complications with tumors. Glad to have had a chance to make his life great in his last years thanks. Michael Wagner