



# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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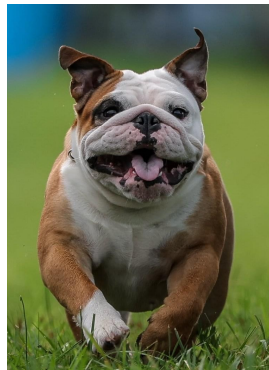
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## MEMBER NEWS

Freddie and Tildy have had a busy summer!

Tildy also had a great showing in Huntington, WV, going Best of Opposite Sex both days. However, she has found a new love, running FastCAT and swimming at the K-9 Center. She only lacks a few points to complete her BCAT title. FastCAT is a fairly new AKC sport and is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. Tildy is currently in the FastCAT Top 20 for the breed at a blistering 12.09 MPH.



Freddie had an amazing weekend in Huntington, WV in early July. He was Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner Handled both days. Freddie received lovely Group 3 and Group 4 placements in the regular groups and Owner-Handled Group 1 both days. And, to top it all off, passed both legs to earn his Farm Dog title. Freddie is co-owned and loved by Michelle and Linda Sterner. **Ch SureShot Harmonix Dancing In the Shadows FDC CGCA TKI VHMP "Tildy"**



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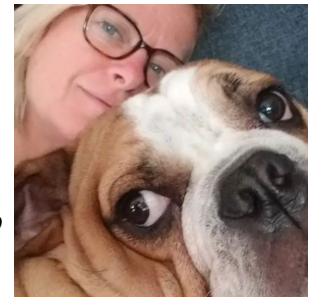
### Upcoming Events:

1. Pot Luck picnic and bingo Sunday Oct 2 at ORKC facility
2. We also hope to have a repeat of Yoga with the Bullies At the Long Run
3. Possible program on disaster preparedness From the Red Cross
4. Program about "Chain Free Knoxville"

## Welcome New Rescue

Meet our newest rescue, Eddie Vetter. Eddie has had quite a journey with SMBC starting back in May when he had surgery at Blackford Surgical Referral for a cruciate ligament repair. He spent his recovery time with SMBC President

Nikki Ewing, enjoying her hospitality and keeping her safe from the squirrels in her yard. Big sister Lisa Warren helped with Eddie sitting when Nikki had to work late. Eddie sends big sloppy kisses to both these ladies for giving him such good care. Eddie's surgery was provided by a grant from Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network and some very generous donors who helped with extra expenses.



## Welcome new member Rick Whitson

Rick has joined our club and is part of the Tri-cities contingent of SMBCR. Several years ago he adopted Cheche from our rescue. Rick is interested in helping us with fund-raising. Here he is with his SMBCR alum Cheche



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## Pet-Friendly Plants

Past columns have covered plants that are toxic to your Bullies, but I've found few references that give you any guidance on what you CAN plant in your garden. Here's a great resource that lists pet-friendly plants.



### Pet-Friendly Plants

- Alyssum
- Blue Daisy
- Boston Fern
- Bottlebrush tree
- Camelia
- Canna
- Ceolsia Plumosa
- Christmas Cactus
- Coreopsis
- Echevaria Succulents
- Gerber Daisy
- Gloxinia
- Impatiens
- Marigold
- Nasturtium
- Pampas Grass
- Persian Violet
- Petunia
- Polkadot Plant/Baby Tears
- Rose
- Snap Dragons
- Spider Plant
- Star Jasmine
- Sunflower
- Sword Fern
- Viola
- Zinnia

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### Brody — a stealer of hearts and blankets

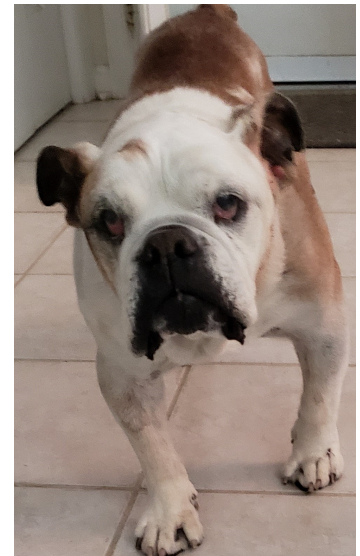
Brody was already a venerable old man when he came into rescue in 2019. His family could no longer care for him. We were able to find a kind of permanent foster/hospice home for him with Tami Leckie. Tami soon had his integrated into her pack in Cookeville. While in our care he had both ear canals removed but was still a happy, tail wagging boy who learned hand signals, responded well to baths and nail trims and learned to steal the sofa covers so he could make his own bed.



He stayed with us until December 2021 when a large mass was found on his spleen.

Tami sent us this memory: Thank u so much for allowing me to love him and have him make my house a home. He was such a good boy. I will never forget the fact he always wanted butt scratches and not head pets and that he always

did he bully kick before he pooped instead of after AND that he was my princess.



## Board meeting Agenda

May 12, 2022, Via Zoom

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

**Members Present.** Nikki, Suzan, Mari, Joleen. Denise

**Call to Order 7:10 pm**

**Report of the Secretary** -- Submitted club news for next issue of the Bulldogger; submitted annual report to the TN Sec of State. Received a letter from Music City requesting donations for the Nationals. (See attached letter).

**Report of the Treasurer.** Transition to Y-12 completed on May 12, 2022. Insurance—Suzan has contacted both the Insurance Group and carriage hill for quotes IF we do not get insurance by June 1 does that mean that we should stop any intake of new rescues? Joleen's groups insure under "umbrella" policies of the national organizations. Why doesn't BCA have such a policy. Something to be discussed with National officers. If we do not have insurance in place by June 1 we will have to suspend intake of rescues and in person events. Denise volunteered to follow up with other Rescue groups about their insurance policies. Mari will send Denise the link to BCARN rescue members.

#### Report of Committees

Show Received a letter from Music City BC requesting donations for a raffle they are putting together for the Nationals. Letter is attached. Should we make a contribution of goods or money? Nikki volunteered to see about soliciting donations for the raffle. If she is not successful by our next board meeting in July, we will consider making a monetary donation. Mari will get the information on the November nationals to Nikki along with the 2022 logo and our 501c3 form.

Rescue (see Excel file). In April we placed Daisy and Poe. Unfortunately, Poe was diagnosed with a brain tumor and he crossed over on April 30. Currently we have four dogs receiving medical treatment. Eddie is with Nikki and had surgery for

ACL on May 12. BCARN is covering the cost through a grant. GinGin, Cosmo and Beans are at Central. Cosmo and GinGin have been placed as of May 13. Hemi will come into rescue next week and I may have a home for her.

Programs Sent another reminder email to Ashley Richardson about a performance Bulldog event. Any other thoughts for programs? We discussed getting a speaker on CPR and first aid for dogs as a program.

Fundraising Easter event raised \$135.00 for the club treasury. Lisa, Thank you so much for bringing Carl to the Easter event. He was a great help. Lisa responded via email about another Yoga with the Bullies. *I'm happy to help out putting a Yoga with the Bullies event together, but no one ever got back to me about contacting the City of Knoxville to see what we have to do about reserving the pavilion, etc and someone was going to check with their friend with the gym to see if we could bring Bulldogs in and if it would have air conditioning.* Joleen??

We also discussed putting together a flyer with rescue stories to hand out at events. Mari will work on that. Nikki agreed to contact Buttermilk Sky about a "Pie it Forward" month for rescue and she will contact Tito's vodka to see about a donation. Denise offered us some space at two events she will be participating in this summer.

**Old Business** –

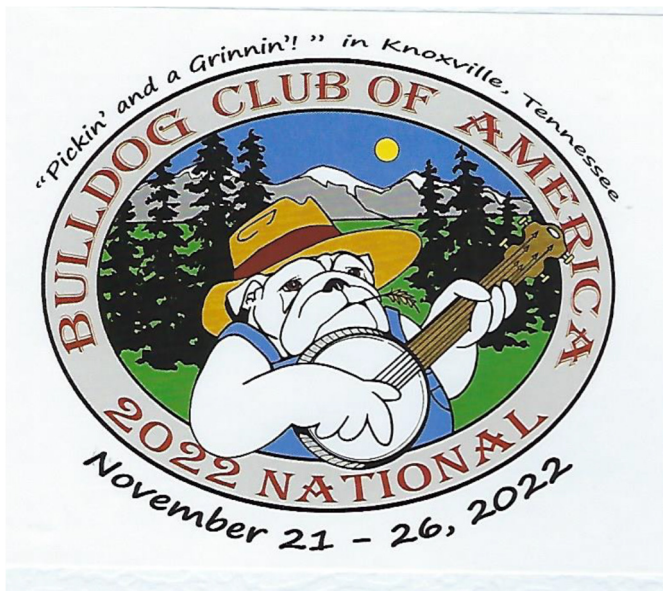
**New Business**—

Next Meeting Thurs. July 14, 2022, via zoom Suzan has already sent us the link

Meeting adjourned 7:55

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary



## THE BULLDOGS ARE COMING !!! THANKSGIVING WEEK 2022

BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA  
WILL HOLD THEIR NATIONAL SHOWS  
HERE IN KNOXVILLE'S  
DOWNTOWN MARRIOTT  
& CONVENTION CENTER  
ALL DAY! EVERY DAY!

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