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SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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*Due to precautions
Because of the Corona virus the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Is still suspending in person events and programs.
We do hope to have a Zoom program soon
On alternative medicines and treatments
Please continue to check our Facebook page
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Rescue
For updates and rescue news*

Upcoming Events

Wednesday October 7 and Thursday October 8
Oak Ridge Kennel Club All Breed shows.
In conjunction with the Harvest Cluster.
Farm Bureau Exposition Center Lebanon, TN
The Harvest Cluster will include two Bulldog specialties
Music City Bulldog Club Oct 9 & 10
Bulldog Club of America Div VIII Oct. 11
Four days of beautiful AKC dogs showing off their best.

Link to the Premium List

https://foytrentdogshows.com/forms/PLs/PL2020/PL_2020_Oak_Ridge_v3.pdf

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DOOLEY — the Neighborhood Ambassador

In late August we received a note from Chrissy Witherell with a donation to honor the memory of Dooley, a friend's dog and favorite in her neighborhood. Ms. Witherell wrote:



"Dooley was full of personality and love. He never met a stranger. His best friends were my dog Molly and a neighbor's cat. Dooley loved to take walks with his mom and dad and roll down the hills in our neighborhood. He was the ambassador of Sepeca Rd.-he knew everyone and everyone knew Dooley. He will be terribly missed."

Thank you Ms. Witherell for honoring Dooley by helping us to continue our work rescuing Bulldogs and giving them loving homes just like Dooley's

Welcome New Rescue Families



Sharon Hagy and Jax

Jax came into rescue from a local shelter. He spent some time with a great foster family, the Williams ' before moving in with Sharon and her cat Sophia. He has been delighting the other residents of her building with his Bulldog charm.



Tom and Rhonda Cooley and Ruger aka Archie

Ruger came into rescue needing entropion surgery and to be neutered. After making lots of friends with the doctors and techs at Central Vet he went home with Rhonda and Tom. He loves their yard and enjoys barking at the cows who come to visit at the fence.



The Stone family and Sydney

Sydney came to rescue when a person saw him being dumped on the side of the road. After going through a stray hold at a local shelter he was released to us. He was "spotted" by Mr. Stone's daughter who wanted to surprise her step dad (a retired Marine) with the dog he had always wanted,



The Griffin Family and Monty aka Hyde

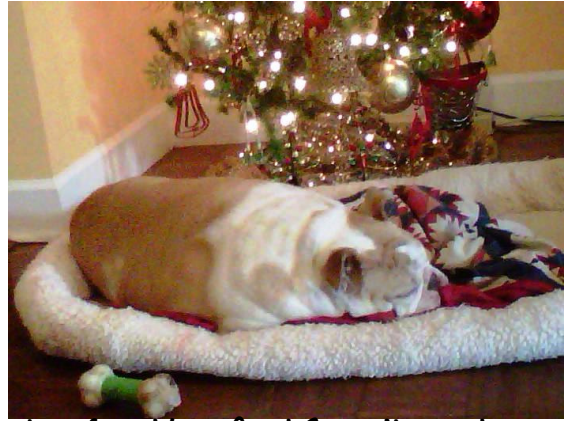
Monty was found wandering near a boat dock trying to eat trash. The family who found him got him to a vet and on the road to recovery and called us. Monty found a home with Shane Griffin and his family. Shane is a river guide and ironically renamed Monty, Hyde for the drift boat he uses in his work. Monty found on a boat dock is now part of a boating family.

Time to Form a Nominating Committee for Officers for 2021

During the month of September the Board shall elect a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting to be held on or before October 1.



Jingles — a Christmas gift



Jingles came into rescue at the end of 2009. She was a stray found by a Good Samaritan and surrendered to our rescue. She soon became a Christmas gift for the Edmonson family who had recently lost their Bullie Kobi. Jingles had a long and wonderful life (10 years!) with the family and they sadly had to let her go last fall.



Harley - plenty of Time



Harley was an owner surrender because their was not have enough time for her. We soon matched her up with the Higgins family who had another Bullie—Pork Chop, who was her playmate and partner in mischief. She found a family that had plenty of time for her.

In February Jillian sent us this note :

It is with much sadness I write this letter to you to let you know we said good-bye to sweet Harley Carolina on November 13, 2019 - 11 months and 1 day after Pork-Chop passed. She was an earth angel - loving and goofy and just wanting to be with her family. She loved belly rubs and snuggling and kissing us. She gave us so much and she NEVER complained about anything. She was so content to just be near me - she was my constant companion. She was a real foodie and content with all her toys but really loved her Kong toys stuffed

with home made jerky and covered in peanut butter and we obliged her. We were fortunate to have her with us for 4 short years. She was PorkChop's little sister who sometimes annoyed him and played with him. She graciously accepted Annie, our beautiful foster cat and let Annie walk on top of her without blinking an eye. She and our recently adopted Bulldog Sonny had been friends for 3 short months, but the two of them loved each other and slept and played together. I am so glad they got to play together in the snow that morning. Most of all she was my buddy, my middle of the night snuggle love who shared the den couch with me when insomnia set in. She licked the grieving, PorkChop tears off my face. We miss her so much and she left us so fast we are still in between shock and tears.

—Jerry and Jillian Higgins

Healthy and Happy Bulldogs—tips and advice from Judee

I'm Itching to Tell You About This...

The hot, humid weather we've been having creates a perfect breeding ground for yeast infections. The tell-tale signs include head shaking, scratching at an ear or other parts of the body, or chewing at skin, particularly feet.

Other symptoms include reddened, scabby or crusty skin with a foul odor, incessant licking, scooting along the floor and rubbing against walls and furniture. For ears, look for smelly, waxy brown residue. There are lots of home remedies on the internet, but don't be tempted. SEE YOUR VET – for lots of reasons. There can be all kinds of underlying conditions – allergies (pollen, mold, dust, feathers, cigarette smoke, cleaning products, food and on and on), a bacterial infection, a compromised immune system or antibiotic medication your Bullie may be taking. These will need to be treated to help control the infection. Left untreated, ear infections can become very painful and eventually lead to deafness. Often the infection is systemic, and your Bullie will need to be treated internally, as well as externally. And finally, the symptoms can mimic other kinds of serious health issues.

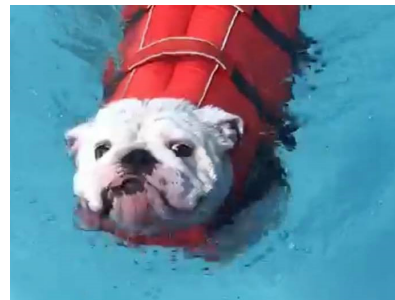
There is only one way to find out if your Bullie has a yeast infection and that is to have your vet run the appropriate tests. If a yeast infection is diagnosed, antifungal shampoos are usually the first recommendation. Your vet may also prescribe a topical antifungal ointment, such as miconazole and ketoconazole for the skin, and an ear drop formulation for ear infections, as well as oral medications including anti-inflammatories.

A simple thing that you can do as a preventative measure is to keep your Bullie dry. We keep towels by the door and make sure to dry our dogs every time they go outside in wet weather, paying special attention to ears, face wrinkles, arm pits, groin area and feet.

Wishing you and your Bullie good health,
Judee Shuler

Kendee Bulldogs

Fun with your Bullie Lemon is at it again!



Lemon, SMBC's very own "extreme sports" Bullie is now considering competing in dock diving. Under the watchful eye of Mom Ashley and photographer Adam, Lemon trains in her life jacket. Earlier this year Lemon enthusiastically participated in Barn Hunt. Lemon enjoys proving that Bullies can do everything!