



# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

On the web at: <http://smbcarn.org/>

*Due to precautions  
Because of the Corona virus the  
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club  
Is still suspending in person events and programs.  
Please continue to check our Facebook page  
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Rescue  
For updates and rescue news*

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We are planning a very special Facebook event for November  
**30 Days of Gratitude**  
We will be featuring our Club, our rescues, our foster families, our doctors, our donors.  
Each day we will have a new post  
So mark your calendars and check the page everyday

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## Welcome New Rescue Families

### Harley and the Lawson Family

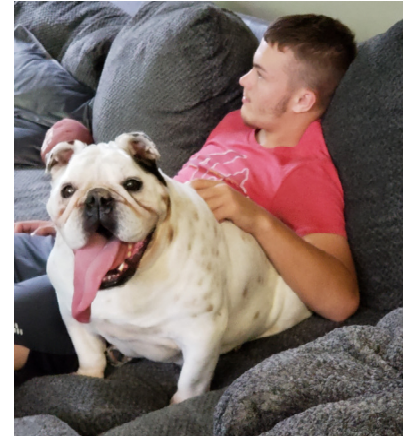
After several months with the Sawyer's as her foster family Harley was adopted in September by Mr. Lawson and his son. Harley now has a Bulldog buddy, Amy, to spend time with sunning on the deck. Nothing but the sofa and the good life for her.



### Casper and the Baker Family



Casper has gone from being alone for many hours at a time to being part of a loving family where there is always somebody to snuggle with. Thanks to the Baker family for giving him the home he deserves.



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## Healthy and Happy Bulldogs—tips and advice from Judee

### Don't 'Toy' with your Bulldog's Health

I haven't met a Bulldog yet that doesn't love to chew. And if you don't give them a toy to chew on, they'll commandeer the nearest shoe or piece of furniture. So it's important to always provide your bully with plenty of suitable options.

Some things that are advertised as chew toys should never be offered to a dog of any breed. Chief among these are rawhide items and, in my opinion, bones. Both can get caught in the throat or digestive tract and bones splinter – raw or cooked.

Hard rubber toys, like Kong toys, should not be offered to dogs without supervision. Chunks of rubber can get lodged in the digestive tract and require surgery.

The size of toys is also important to consider. In other words, don't give dogs a small toy they can attempt to swallow whole.

Rope chews are tricky with Bullies. Most of them can untie the knots surprisingly fast – they even quickly unweave the woven rope balls. It's like a Rubik's cube for Bullies. Moreover, those unraveled fibers are dangerous because they can get stuck in the throat or digestive tract.

Bulldogs have exceptionally powerful jaws and can easily become mesmerized by the act of chewing, so you need to choose toys that can withstand their abuse and not become wedged in their throat. Shape, size and toughness all need to be taken into consideration. We prefer the Nylabone rings. They are hard, large enough and shaped so that they cannot be lodged in the throat.

Under no circumstances should Bullies be given stuffed toys or anything they can destroy that contains squeakies.

Choose the right toys for your Bullies and they will have hours of safe enjoyment.

Judee Shuler  
Kendee Bulldogs

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## An Opportunity to Learn About Other Breeds From AKC



### AKC Free Online Meet the Breeds video

The Canine College Team has collected a breed-course sampling to virtually *Meet the Breeds*. If you have a curiosity to learn more, you'll discover stories of breed history, explore the purpose of different breeds, and understand a breed's unique features.

Whether you are a dog lover looking for more of what you already enjoy or a newcomer to the world of dogs, we look forward to sharing a part of our passion with you.

You can view this free program on your computer, tablet or phone, anytime, anywhere.

## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 21, 2020 via Zoom

**Call to Order: 8:05**

**Members present:** Nikki, Tanya, Suzan, Mari, Jolene, Lisa

**Report of the Secretary:** No club correspondence this month. I did post notices on Facebook about our shows being cancelled.

**Report of the Treasurer.** Treasurer's report was distributed via email. Suzan noted that she paid the Insurance and took half of the premium from the Rescue account. Our Insurance does cover all of our events and programs.

### Report of Committees

**Show** Mari has the trophies for the ORKC supported entries for the Lebanon shows. She will get them labeled and delivered to Ken.

**Rescue** (see Excel file). We have only Heathcliff, Casper and Princess currently in foster homes. Adopted since the last meeting: Harley Knox, Hobo, Monty, Sydney, Ruger, Jax Maryville, Avett and Foxy. Polly was adopted but we lost her to cancer soon after the adoption. Harley Newport was in hospice care and crossed over in July.

Our rescue account has been holding steady but the bills for September will be over \$2500.00. We really need to brainstorm about some kind of fund raising. There was a question about Heathcliff's foster status. Mari will check with the family and see if they are ready to adopt.

**Programs** Mari checked with UT and there will be no Howl-Oween this year and she has not heard anything about CV Bark and BBQ. Mari has sent a list of possible program leaders to Tanya to try to get an alternative meds program going. Dr. Pittman told Tanya that she would not be available this

fall to do a program. Mari also floated the idea of some kind of face to face (safely) program for those grieving the loss of a Bullie. Lisa has offered her deck if we can put together a group. Mari will check with Dr. Strand at UT to see about maybe getting a grad student facilitator for the program. Also it may be time to ask Dr. Hnilica to do a program.

**Fundraising** Ideas floated for online fund raising:

- donate to vote--best Halloween doggie costume;
- best Christmas scene with your Bullie; Holly Jolly Bullie Christmas;
- online auction of some Wagner items;
- Match your donation up to \$500.00; If all of our (almost 10,000) FB "followers" donated \$1.00;
- 30 days of Thanksgiving for the month of November. Board decided on 30 days of Thanksgiving. Each day we will post a new picture of a Bulldog, foster family, adopter family with their Bullies, once or twice a week a video of a Bullie. Each day will be "Today I am thankful for....." Mari will put together a list of possible participants, Lisa will investigate making some videos. We will meet either on Suzan's deck or via Zoom on Saturday Oct 10 at 2 pm to plan the 30 days.

Suzan has sent around the zoom invitation for that day.

**Nominations** Those present agreed to continue to serve in their current offices. Mari will be the nomination committee and ask Denise if she would like to continue on the board. Mari will report back in October.

**Old Business** – none

**New Business**— none

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mari Decuir, Secretary



## *Brock — Better than a comedy special*

Brock came to us from the shelter in Clarksville in May 2014. He spent two months with a great foster mom, Tracey Johnson before he was adopted by Sue Popplewell. He spent his days making Sue laugh with his antics and his unique Bulldog quirks. Brock loved his tennis balls, squeaky toys, car rides and snuggle time.

Brock had a wonderful life with Sue, but

after six years, when he was struggling to walk, Sue knew it was time to let him go. *"I was with him, baby Brock all the way through. I loved and kissed on him until he stopped breathing and long after. Thank you for allowing me to love him. He made my days, months and years better."*