



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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

*The next gatherings of the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog club will be
Sunday October 2 And Sunday October 23*



2 to 5 pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

A Bulldog PICNIC

Oak Ridge Kennel Club Training Facility
1790 Oak Ridge Turnpike (Hwy 95)
BULLDOGS ARE WELCOME



BRING A DISH TO SHARE

THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES AND
"WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO"

Indoors
Air conditioned

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Sunday October 24 UT Gardens Howl-o-ween. 1 to 5 pm. Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade and Pet Expo, a fun Halloween-themed event sponsored by the UT Gardens and the College of Veterinary Medicine. This fun event with a spooky twist will include a judged costume parade with prizes, Event is free and open to the public but there is a fee to enter the costume contest. **SMBC** will have a designated space with information on our breed, our club and our rescue program. **Come and help us tell everyone about our club, rescue and the joys of owning a Bulldog!**

SMBC NEEDS YOUR HELP

CALLING ALL MEMBERS IN OUR AREA...

The Nationals are coming up Thanksgiving week and
SMBC WILL BE DOING MORNING HOSPITALITY ON FRIDAY
We need some volunteers to man the coffee pots and set out the pastries
WE WILL ALSO NEED MEMBERS
DURING THE DAYS TO REPRESENT US AT OUR RESCUE TABLE
COME TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL BULLIES
STAY TO TALK "Bulldog" WITH THE HANDLERS
Downtown Knoxville Marriot Hotel
Mari will be calling you!

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WELCOME NEW RESCUE FAMILIES

Niecey and the Lowe family

Niecey came from the Johnson City shelter and after a stop at Central vet for some treatment she was adopted by the Lowe family who were looking for another Bullie to love. Previously they had a Bullie who was loved by the whole family. Niecey is now the new family member and getting plenty of love.



BEANS and the "Three Amigo's"

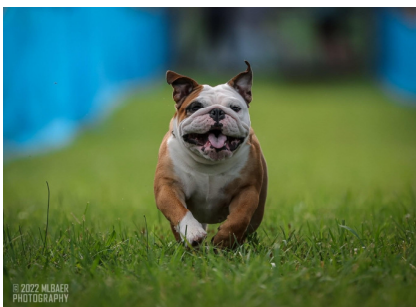
Beans came into rescue from a family where he had spent a lot of time in his crate. After a brief time on the open road with a trucker he came home to be with three "dads" Craig Cook, Dan McCord and Rick Rodriguez. These three gentlemen have not only cared for him (and made a substantial donation to our rescue)but have provided him with a great home and lots of room to play with his wobble ball.



Run Tildy Run !!

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.

Ch SureShot Harmonix Dancing In the Shadows FDC CGCA TKI VHMP "Tildy"



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Healthy and Happy Bulldogs—tips and advice from Judee



Halloween: Don't Make it a Nightmare for Your Bully

Halloween is approaching and I wanted to share some thoughts on how to make sure this fun holiday doesn't end up being a nightmare for you and your Bullies.

Candy

Chocolate can be dangerous. The darker the chocolate, the more dangerous it is. Depending on the type and amount ingested, issues can range from vomiting and severe agitation to a temperature spike, seizures and death.

The artificial sweetener xylitol can be highly toxic, even in small amounts. Often found in sugar-free gum, the amount of xylitol in one and a half sticks can cause a rapid and severe drop in blood sugar levels.

Some people provide small boxes of raisins as a healthy treat for children. They are not a healthy treat for dogs and can cause acute kidney injury. And candy wrappers can cause intestinal blockage.

Bottom line is to keep your trick-or-treat bowl and your children's Halloween stash away from your Bullies.

Costumes

Use caution if we are contemplating a costume for your Bully. Make sure it is not restrictive, doesn't have parts that can be chewed of and swallowed, and isn't made from a synthetic fabric that gives your Bully an allergic reaction. Also, ill-fitting costumes can get caught on something and strangle or injure your dog.

If you and/or your children intend to dress for the occasion, let your Bullies sniff your costume before you put it on and don't wear your mask when you are with them.

Environment

Too many strangers coming to the door who don't even look like people can be scary and stressful for some dogs. In addition, the frequent opening of the front door will give your Bully plenty of opportunities to escape. So, it is best to keep your Bullies in their kennels away from the action during trick-or-treat hours.

Halloween decorations pose hazards, too. Jack-o-lanterns can be knocked over and create a fire hazard. Consider a battery-operated light instead of a candle. The pumpkins themselves become toxic when they become moldy. And the cobs from decorative corn can be a risk for obstruction in the intestines if ingested.

With a few precautions, you and your Bullies can have a Happy Halloween.



Freddie's Big Weekend

Huntington, WV Early July: Freddie had a great tiem and so did Ashley Miller showing him!

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 Don't Stop Me Now FDC CGC TKN
"Freddie"**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Sept 21, 2022 via Zoom

Regular Board meeting (Quorum=4 board members)

Members Present: Nikki, Tanya, Suzan, Mari, Joleen, Denise, Lisa

Call to Order: 7:05

Report of the Secretary Correspondence about the Nationals—rescue participation

Report of the Treasurer. Denise turned in receipts for the First Aid kit. The Treasurer's report was distributed by Suzan

Report of Committees

Nationals have been contacted by BCARN concerning Rescue participation at the Nationals.

WE will have a table with information as well as merchandise for sale (t-shirts, wreaths, ??) WE will need our banner and people to staff the table. Mari will work on recruiting members to staff the table. Split shifts 10-1 and 1-4. We have been donated a painting (retail \$4200.) for raffle/auction) Nancy Bullock has the art and will get it to us in Knoxville. We will raffle the painting selling tickets for \$20/each (3 for \$50.) With a limit of 200 tickets. Joleen will make up the two part tickets. RESCUE PARADE would be after the Trick dog demonstration and during the Purina complimentary dinner. I think that is too much competition and would not have a crowd to warrant asking people to give up their Wednesday before Thanksgiving and pay the \$15.00 parking fee at the hotel and my time in trying to organize it. After discussion we decided not to have a rescue parade. Maybe we could ask some of our families to bring their rescues (in costumes) while they are sitting at the sale table?

Denise has done a GREAT job assembling the Bulldog First Aid Kit for the Nationals Raffle.

Rescue (see Excel file). Placed Eddie Vedder, Trixie, Beans and Niecey. Have two new ones: Luca and Lola. Have a foster home for Lola and Luca is our breed but a disqualifying color.

Programs Picnic Oct 2 . Will need some tables and the bingo game from Joleen. Mari will provide prizes for the bingo.. ORKC has agreed to us using the facility \$25.00 fee.

HowlOween Oct. 23. Will need tables, chairs, merchandise, banner, etc.

Our participation in the nationals will be our program for November. We need to get some of our members involved in both hospitality and in the rescue table. Rescue table should have merchandise, our brochures and copies of our newsletter.

Fundraising Should we order more t-shirts for the fall activities? Denise has T-shirts ready for printing our cost would be \$7.00 to sell for \$25.00. Order 30

Lisa has contacted Mascota Tequila and submitted a donation request form. She received a reply which I forwarded to the board.

Nominations : Need to form a Nominations committee. Chair and three members. Mari will set up the committee. Mari will set up the committee. All officers and board agreed to serve another year

Old Business—

New Business— We discussed yard flags but are tabling it to the next meeting for further discussion.

Next Meeting Tuesday Nov 1,2022 7 pm via zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Mari DeCuir, Secretary

Nominating committee for 2023 SMBC officers and board

Committee chair: Mari DeCuir
Members Jim Lindsey, Linda Rivers, Shirlene Stroup
2023 slate of Officers will be announced
in November and we will take
additional nominations "from the floor" via email to the members.

Interested in your Bullie's DNA?

The American Kennel Club (AKC®) just announced new, enhanced DNA test kits that are now available. This new product utilizes an improved method of submitting canine DNA samples to the American Kennel Club.

Tests are routinely used for individual identification, parentage testing and certification of pedigree records. The AKC currently has a canine DNA database of nearly one million DNA profiles, the oldest and largest of its kind in the world. For more information contact dna@akc.org or call 919-816-3508.
<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-introduces-enhanced-dna-test-kits/>