



# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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The next gathering of the  
**SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB**

Will be

**NOV. 6 AND 7**

## OUR SPECIALTY SHOWS

CHILHOWEE PARK  
CONCURRENT WITH  
TENNESSEE VALLEY KENNEL  
CLUB SHOWS

Come and see all the beautiful Bullies  
Competing for Championship points.  
Rings times will be posted on our  
Facebook page



## A BULLIE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION INSTEAD OF A CHRISTMAS PARTY



**SEND A PICTURE  
MAKE A DONATION**

We are asking all of our club "family" to send us pictures of your Bullies  
and accompany them with a donation

They will be assembled and featured in our  
December newsletter and on our Facebook page

1. Email pictures to [mdecur@utk.edu](mailto:mdecur@utk.edu)
  2. Donate via PayPal on our website  
<https://smbcarn.org/?product=donation>
- OR

Email the pictures and snail mail a check to **SMBC**  
129 Evergreen Dr. Knoxville, TN 37918

**Make your donation to honor or to remember your Bullie(s)**

Because of Covid considerations we are not have having our  
Christmas party and gift exchange but  
We wanted to celebrate our Bullies and the season.

### 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

Questions 865-688-2270

# WELCOME New Rescue Families

## Emmie and Lamanda Wallace

Emmie came to us from a shelter in Kentucky. We were told that she was a lover and melted with human touch. She was fostered by Patty Stamper until she could have surgery for her cherry eye. Her sweet personality caught the attention of Lamanda Wallace who was looking for a companion. Emmie settled in happily with Lamanda, quickly realizing that this would be her forever home. Emmie enjoys trips in the car wearing her new goggles.



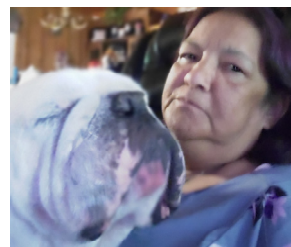
## Chavo and Peter Matthews



Chavo is an owner surrender because of a family member with allergies. Chavo who is a sweet guy with an exceptional Bullie personality caught the eye of Peter Matthews and Shawn Mckelvy who had adopted from us before. Shawn described him as not just OK...but PERFECT.

## Bubba and Becky Weir

Bubba came to us as an owner surrender in need of a family who could give him the attention and care that he needed. He had had no vet care for several years. Becky Weir had just recently lost both Heathcliff and Bud. She needed another Bulldog to love.



Bubba was happy to oblige. He has settled in with Becky and made friends with Nash.



*In this season of Thanksgiving  
We give thanks to all our donors and supporters. Your help makes miracles happen!*

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Peter Matthews

Shawn Griffin  
Cindy Inman  
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Jill Green  
Kathy Hardegree  
Richard Whitson



## Very new arrivals !

On October 15th , received a call from the Blount Animal Care Center about a Bulldog and her six newborn puppies that had been left at the shelter. Could we take them?? Putting out an appeal on FB and email we were surprised and blessed at the amazing number of responses , both offers to foster and to provide financial help. Bonnie and her six puppies are now in the capable hands of foster family Casey and Paul Applebaum. Mom Bonnie and pups are doing well , gaining weight and appear to be thriving.



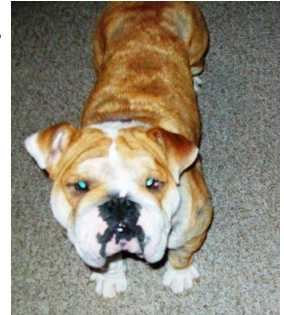


## Bacon — Loved Back to Health

Bacon was brought to us in 2009 by a Good Samaritan who found him wandering. He was a young dog, very sweet but with Demodex and severe skin allergies. The Anderson family in Louisville, KY saw his story and wanted to help. They agreed to get him all the treatment he needed for his skin and help him learn to be a happy dog. Early in his adoption we received this update: *“He is perkier every day and has a huge appetite. I will find out Wednesday how much weight he has put on. He does get another dip this Wednesday. He will get those once per week for the next 10-15 weeks—depending on how well he does. He is still scratching quite a lot, but his skin*

*is healing well. He is doing better every day and loves to snuggle up in his blanket to sleep. At first, he didn't know what to do with toys, but now he is having a ball! Bacon just kind of goes with the flow—he loves toys and snuggling.”*

Bacon lived a happy, healthy eleven years with his family and his longevity is a tribute to the love and care that they gave him. They sent this final note last November: *“just wanted to let you know that Bacon passed away peacefully tonight at home with his favorite person holding his paw.”*



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

SMBC Newsletter Health Column – November 2021

#### Dealing with the Disgusting

It's called coprophagia -- a fancy name for eating poop. If you've ever caught one of your Bullies chowing down, you are not alone. One study by the University of California, Davis found that one in six dogs are serious stool eaters and one in four have been caught eating feces at least once.

So why do they do it? The researchers said it is in their DNA. Our domesticated dogs' ancestors lived in nature and were predisposed to eat poop in the den to protect the pack from intestinal parasites in feces. Dogs evolved as scavengers, so in other words, it's normal. For example, if you are lucky, your brood bitch will lick her puppies to get them to eliminate and will clean up their feces by eating it. For puppies, it is considered part of the process of exploring the world around them.

Nonetheless, if you catch your Bullie eating poop, particularly that of other animals such as cats or horses, consult with your vet to rule out health problems such as parasites, diet deficiencies, malabsorption conditions, diabetes, thyroid disease or drugs such as steroids, which can cause an increase in appetite. Your vet may recommend a vitamin supplement, an enzyme supplement and/or a taste-aversion product.

The Davis study found that poop-eating was more common in multi-dog households. In some cases, it seems to be connected to environmental stress or behavioral triggers, including isolation, restrictive confinement, anxiety and attention seeking. The best way to stop the problem may be through training and managing your Bullie's environment – keep their living area and the yard clean, keep cat litter boxes out of reach, and work hard on commands such as “leave it” and “come”.

And cut them a little slack. Whether we want to admit it or not, we all have revolting habits.

Judee Shuler, Kendee Bulldogs



## Board Agenda

**Sept. 30, 2021 (Quorum 5 members) via Zoom**

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

**Call to order:** 7:10 pm

**Report of the Secretary** no official correspondence; thanks you notes to donors to rescue

**Report of the Treasurer.** Suzan distributed the Treasurer's Report.

### Report of Committees:

**Show** Premium list is available. Link will be added to website and in the newsletter

Ashley has generously offered to assemble the goodie bags and set up the trophy table. Club needs to provide cooler and drinks for ringside.

Ashley has gift for one of our judges, we will need to get gift for Mr. Staley.

Who has the poop scoops and buckets for the motel?

Cannot find these, Mari will purchase new ones.

Mari will take LJ trophy to Brandon's. Suzan will take the judges to dinner on Friday night.

**Rescue** (see Excel file). Adopted in July, August & September: Daisy, Bubba, Emmie. Gucci is still in foster care with the Stroups, Chubb is being fostered and worked with by Jim Lindsey and Chavo is in foster care with Shawn Mckelvey. He will be adopted by Peter Matthews. No other Bullies at this time. Denise reminded us that Lakeway (her vet in white Pine) does cherry eye surgery at a better price than CV. Denise also recommended K-9 Sublime for training. Perhaps Chubb could benefit?

**Programs** Picnic was well attended. We are still planning on Howloween at UT but Mari has not yet heard from the organizers. November program will be our shows. Should we start plans for a Christmas party in Dec.? After discussion it was decided that because of Covid we will not have a party. Instead we will ask for Pictures and stories accompanied by donations instead of the traditional gift exchange. Pictures will be published in the Dec newsletter and posted on FB

**Fundraising**

Oct 17 Cyclebar. We will need a few Bullies as greeters at the door who can stay until after the event. I know Lisa will be bringing Simba. Start time is 2 pm

Dog Costumes have arrived. Mari is working on posting them on FB to see what the interest level might be. Just put up one or two at a time so as not to overwhelm. Denise will provide 10 tumblers and five cups for the Howloween event.

### Nominating Committee

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. 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.

Nominating committee was formed with Mari as Chair, Jim Lindsey and Linda Rivers. The committee met and all current Officers and Board have agreed to serve another year. In November we will take any nominations electronically—"from the floor"

**Old Business**— Lisa's garage has been emptied of our stuff. The remainder is in Mari's garage. The auction and door prizes at the picnic did find "homes" for about half of the items.

**New Business**— none

Next Meeting Thursday Nov. 18, 7 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir

Secretary

### 2022 Dues are due by Dec.31

**Individual \$15.00**

**Family \$ 25.00**

**Send check to :**

**Suzan Jordan**

**1000 Fox Rd.**

**Knoxville, TN 37922**

### The Slate of Officers

**President—Nikki**

**Vice-President—**

**Price**

**Secretary—Mari**

**Treasurer—Suzan**

### **Board members:**

**Joleen Dewald**

**Denise Pridgen**

**Lisa Warren**

10.4.3 **Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting** by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

In November SMBC members will receive a email asking them if they wish to nominate another member for any of these positions. If no other nominations are received the Slate will stand as nominated.

**for 2022 :**

**Ewing**

**Tanya**

**DeCuir**

**Jordan**