



# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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After WTRR

Guess what is next ?

## A Wine Tasting Afternoon !

Sunday March 25th, 2018 at 3 pm

Join with us and our Wine Consultant Raneé Randby

For a trip to the Sonoma and Napa vineyards.

Wines will be paired with chocolates, cheeses and chips.

Space is limited RSVP • 389-9476

K-9 Center of East Tennessee

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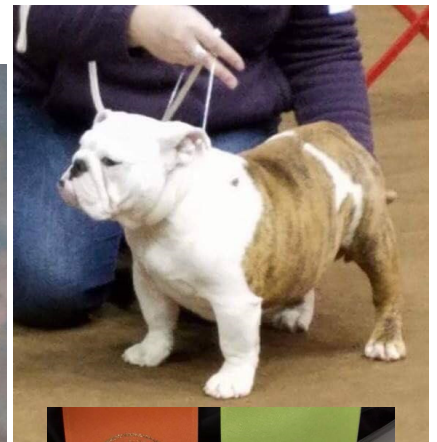
IS OFF TO A GREAT START !  
SAWNEE MOUNTAIN KC  
PUPPY MATCH



### NEW GRAND CHAMPION !

GCH SURESHOT ZIMANEE MY DELICATE FLOWER  
(POPPY)

POPPY GOES BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO COMPLETE  
THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
GRAND CHAMPION



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## WELCOME NEW RESCUE FAMILIES



**Griffin**

Griffin was found as a stray south of Atlanta. Darlene Taylor of GEHR helped us find a vet for her, then fostered her and decided that she couldn't part with this sweet girl. Griffin makes the daily rounds with Darlene's cleaning service!

**Tater**

Tater was having trouble adjusting to another dog in her home so rescue found her a family where she could be the only dog. The Gibson family welcomed her just in time for Christmas.







  
**Buttons —the King of Hearts**

In July of 2014 we had a phone call from a person who found this Bullie wandering in her yard. We took him in and named him Buttons. Buttons had so many problems. He was covered in open sores, had large patches with no fur, his eyes and ears were infected due to numerous untreated allergies. Needless to say his road back to anything close to normal was a long and difficult one. He was a constant client at both Admiral Vet Clinic and Dr. Hnilica's Itch Not Clinic. We were able to find several loving foster homes where he was lavished with love and care. We are so grateful to Angela Taulbee his first foster mom, then came Patricia DeSanti, and Johnathan Borsodi and Katie Powell all of whom kept him on his meds, his baths, his allergy shots, and his special food.

Then in January of 2017 Ed and Linda Skompski approached us about adopting this sweet boy. His current foster dad Johnathan did a home visit and was delighted with the family and the home. Buttons was adopted! Ed and Linda travel for work and Buttons got to go along—he was a favorite in every hotel where they stayed. *"Buttons has us wrapped around his big old paw and fits right into the Skompski life".*

In August of 2017 Buttons was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Linda and Ed wanted to walk every step with Buttons. *"What we do know is that we are going to love him and enjoy him for whatever time we have with him; that is really all we can do."* Valentine's Day 2018. *"With a heavy heart and a lot of tears, we wanted to let everyone know that our sweet boy, Buttons, passed away this morning. His congestive heart failure had progressed so fast, and his heart stopped this morning. As devastated as we are, we wouldn't give up the last year with him for anything. We are so appreciative to you and the rescue for entrusting him to us and for letting us be a part of his life. He brought so much joy to us each and every day, and he was so loved by everybody that met him. Everybody loved him, but especially Smoky Mountain Bulldog Rescue, Mari DeCuir, Angela Taulbee, Johnathan Borsodi, and Katie Powell; all of who took him in and got his quality of life back from the terrible shape he was in when he first got into the rescue. He will be missed terribly. RIP Buttons; you were loved." --- Ed and Linda*



**Honey—always in Harmony**

This sweet girl came into rescue in 2012. She was adopted by Brad Cullen and began the best life a Bullie could want. She was Brad's the constant companion and the daily greeter at his shop. People would stop buy just to see and pet her. Soon after her adoption Brad sent us this note:



*She is doing wonderfully and has stolen all of our hearts. Thank you so much for bringing her to me, at first I was overwhelmed but now she has become the best part of my life, she makes me sooo happy. Thank you and Smoky Mountains Bulldog Rescue for all of your hard work making sure every Bulldog has a home where they are loved.*

Honey celebrated nine happy birthdays with Brad. Unfortunately in October we received this message:

*It is with great sadness I say that my baby girl Honey passed away yesterday.. She went into cardiac arrest and passed in my arms. Thank you for bringing her to me, I've always thought of you as angel for that. Right now I'm just devastated because Honey joins my brother Trooper Jay Cullen who is a Virginia state officer who died tragically in a helicopter crash in Charlottesville in August. I am simply lost without my Honey, she was sweetest, most loving girl. Everyday she let me know how much she appreciated me, and I did the same for her.*



**Wine to the Rescue**  
to Benefit  
Smoky Mountains  
Bulldog Rescue



We are so pleased that the evening was such a great success! Thanks to all who contributed items to our silent auction, blind wine table, or sponsored a table and

most of all, attended and had a great time helping our Bullies. Very special thanks to the event committee Joleen Dewald, Ken Dudley, Nikki Ewing, Suzan Jordan and Tanya Price.



Many thanks to Alter's States Turkey Creek for sending their dedicated employees to help us setup for the event!  
Thanks everyone for making our auction tables look so sparkly and inviting.



### Directions to K-9 Center of East Tennessee

11225 Threadstone Ln Knoxville, TN 3793

From I40 and I75 Take exit 374, turn north on Lovell Rd (131)  
Go past the Bojangles and Harley Davidson.  
Turn left onto Gilbert Dr. just past American Freight Furniture and Mattresses  
Take the first left onto Dalen Lane  
Then the first right onto Threadstone. Look for the signs