



# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB  
On the web at: <http://smbcarn.org/>

## Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club

*We are still active*

*just waiting for the pandemic to lessen so we can  
once again have events.*

*We miss seeing all of you!*



## Benson

GCH CH Kendee's Irresti-Bull Destiny  
PCD BN RN SCN CDC TKN

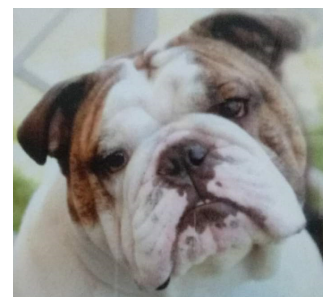
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Benson is the first Bulldog owned by a SMBC member to be awarded the Versatile Bulldog Bronze Level from the Bulldog Club of America. Benson was bred by members Judee Shuler and Ken Dudley. He is owned by Gloria Marshall and co-owned by Ken and Judee.

This awards program was developed by the BCA to give parent club recognition to our BCA members' Versatile Bulldogs – those that are successful in a variety of sports and other activities.

All the letters following his name represent various performance events recognized by the American Kennel Club and successfully completed by Benson. They are:

- PCD-Preferred Companion Dog
- BN —Beginner Novice (Obedience)
- RN—Rally Novice (Rally)
- SCN — Scent Work Container Novice
- CDC — Canine Good Citizen
- TKN—Trick Dog Novice



Congratulations to Judee and Ken for breeding such an all around Champion!

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## HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2021 ??

SEND CHECK TO SUZAN JORDAN  
1000 FOX RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

INDIVIDUAL \$15  
FAMILY \$25



## Welcome New Rescue Families



In December and January, Rescue welcomed three new families to the joys of being owned by a Bulldog!

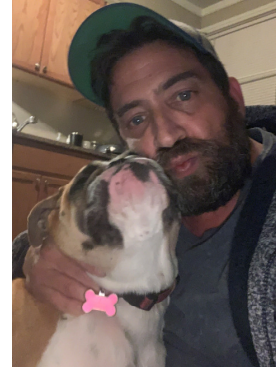
### Princess and the Brisbane Family

Princess was rescued from a backyard breeder by a Good Samaritan who got her needed vet care and then called us. This good lady named her Princess because she wanted her to have a "royal" life after what she had endured in the past. She was lovingly fostered by Jim Lindsey and wife Cissy until we found her the perfect home with the Brisbane family. The Brisbane's already had a Bullie — Bubbles, and were hoping to find a companion for her since they lost their Frenchie. It only took a few days for Bubbles to warm up to Princess. Now they are "besties" and nap together in identical doggie beds.



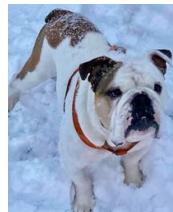
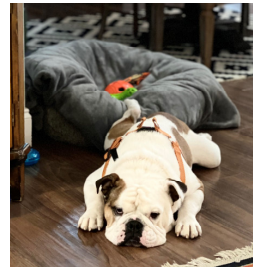
### Baby and Ken Cronin

Baby came to us because she was dog aggressive. It seems that she was attacked and injured by a large dog while she was trying to protect her owner. We found her a home with a sweet senior couple but she turned out to be too rambunctious and playful for them. No problem. We found a new perfect home for her with Ken. Ken lives alone, has no dogs and is home all the time. He was familiar with the breed and was looking for a cuddle buddy.



### Bingo and the Hixson Family

He came from an Amish puppy mill and was used as a stud dog. After being sold to another breeder, Bingo found himself unwanted and malnourished. Fortunately he was discovered by a Good Samaritan in Middle Tennessee who called us for help. We got Bingo to Central Vet for needed care and then hoped to find him a home before Christmas. Neisha Hixson had learned about us from Katrina Brisbane (Princess's family) and decided that Bingo was THE dog for her family. Bingo needed some experience learning to be a family dog since he had only been property before. He was especially fearful of riding in a moving vehicle. Neisha knew just how to socialize him, giving him the needed balance between structure and love. So not only was he home for Christmas but got to play in the Christmas Eve snow with his new family.



### Welcome Jennifer Wolfgang — Our Florida Connection



Jennifer Wolfgang is the newest addition to our rescue team. She will be helping Mari with Florida rescue for BCARN. SMBCR is part of the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network and SMBC member Mari is the coordinator for Division VIII which includes Florida. Jennifer lives in Riverview Florida and is a long time Bullie owner and lover. She is very active in performance events as well as fostering and doing rescue. She will be "paws on the ground" helping to place Florida Bulldogs in new homes.

She is pictured here with her newest conformation Bullie, Lois Lane.



## Meelo — the Travelin' Man



Mello came to rescue from a shelter in Virginia where he was an owner surrender. His adventures started when our good friend Shawn Mckelvy met us in Virginia to transport him to Knoxville. He was adopted by the Lytle family who spent winters in Florida. And of course he traveled with them. We received this report in July 2018. *He enjoyed the winter in Florida. Not sure he liked the road trip to Texas and then here to Knoxville but he handled the heat and motel rooms quite well. He is the center of attention wherever we take him and particularly loves the workers that helped remodel the master bathroom last fall. Likes short car trips and dog parks. Doesn't make a big fuss over the other dogs but makes friends with all the people.* Mello was already a senior dog when we rescued him and unfortunately his age caught up with him and he succumbed to congestive heart failure. Brenda Lytle left a phone message when he passed and told us that he was "a wonderful puppy dog".



## Through the seasons with Gizmo



Gizmo came to us from the Charleston, SC animal shelter where he was picked up as a stray. He was estimated to be about a year old when he came to us. So he had a long and fun filled life with the Robertson family. They sent many pictures chronicling his adventures through the years and keeping us updated : "He loves to chew on all of his toys, especially the hard ones. He hasn't had a problem with chewing the furniture, thank goodness! Chasing his balls is still his favorite play activity (unless he gets a

*new toy, then that becomes his favorite for the day)! He is perfect in his crate at night and when we are gone. He loves to be wherever we are! He is learning to recognize when it is time for him to play by himself (such as during our dinner). Although, we can tell that it is 'difficult' for him sometimes because he will sigh loudly or make some whiney noises to get our attention :) "*

*In July of 2020 we received this final note from Kelly: "I am writing to let you know that Gizmo (he is pictured on the homepage of your website ) passed away early this morning. He had a seizure in the night and his heart stopped shortly after arriving at the emergency vet. They think it was cancer or a brain tumor that went undetected until now. He would have turned 11 years old in October. He brought me 10 years of love, joy, laughter, and snuggles. He was spoiled rotten until the very end . I am heartbroken, but so grateful to have had the opportunity to be his mommy."*



**Board meeting Nov. 12, 2020 via Zoom conference  
Regular Board meeting (Quorum=4 board members)**

**Members Present:** Suzan, Lisa, Mari & Joleen

**Call to Order** 7:06 pm

**Report of the Secretary:** Received the new officer form for 2021 but have not filed it out yet since formal election is not until December. Received the Division VIII newsletter which our Ashley is at least partially responsible for organizing. I will be happy to send a copy to anyone who would like to see it. Ashley picked up Judee's article from our February newsletter on finding a Bulldog vet. Sent around to the membership the "nominations from the floor" polling the members if they wish to nominate someone for one of the positions.

**Report of the Treasurer.** Suzan sent copies of the report via email. there were no comments or questions.

**Report of Committees**

**Show** We will need to start thinking about the 2021 show. And 2022 is our Division's turn to host the nationals. If TVKC is able to get Chilhowee for their fall shows we should plan on participating. Ashley has suggested that we use the same judges that we had planned on from last year.

**Rescue** (see Excel file). Adopted since last meeting. Casper, Bella Carolina, Leela. Currently have Princess being fostered by Jim and Cissy. She is due to be adopted next week. Leigh is coming from CT to get her. Have one new dog, Bingo who is at CV for neuter, shots, check up. He came from an Amish puppy mill. The amazing donations from the Ramsey's have really helped this month. Our expenses for Sept and Oct were about \$4300.00

**Programs** Christmas party? We can hope that the new vaccine will allow us to go back to normal events in the new year. Mari has not worked on either the grief program or the alternative meds. Will pursue in the new year.

**Fundraising** Our 30 Days of Thankfulness is underway, and we have had lots of response especially from some of our long time supporters. Thanks to all who are providing content and pictures. Lisa has been doing a great job with the videos. Page is getting lots of visits. Lisa suggested that we do our Thankfulness posts in the evening and especially on Fridays from 4 to 5 pm. That is the time when most people are checking FB. We should start the donor match on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mari will ask folks who should have attended a Christmas party to consider making a donation to our rescue in lieu of a Christmas party.

**Old Business –**

**New Business—**

Next Meeting Thursday Jan. 14 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted

Mari DeCuir, Secretary



## Gunny—from the shelter to the sofa

Gunny came into rescue in 2013, from a shelter in east Tennessee where she was an owner surrender. She was a sweet three year old girl just in need of a loving family. Todd and Julie Butler were happy to provide one for her. She is getting showered with attention and she absolutely LOVES IT! She is loving her memory foam dog bed, but the flannel covering is a bit too warm for her during the day. The couch seems to fit Goldilocks just right! HA! We really love her. She's perfect for us and we are glad to open our home to Gunny. She's such a loveable hugga-bear. The whole family is excited to meet her!

She had seven wonderful years with the Butler's.

I regret to say we lost Gunny on Friday the 8th. We had been treating her Cushing's disease but she had a collapsed larynx and the procedure we attempted to improve her situation was too much for her. Needless to say, we have been pretty upset since then. She was treated like the Queen she was, that's for sure!

