



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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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!

Don't Let Anyone Tell You Bulldogs Are Just Couch Potatoes



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....And don't ever let anyone tell you that Bulldogs are not as smart as other breeds or aren't physically able to do all sorts of activities. The Bulldog Club of America (BCA) has developed a new program for BCA members to show that Bulldogs can be athlete's. The BCA website says the club created the program about a year ago, in part, "to celebrate the Bulldog's soundness in body and mind, intelligence, trainability and capabilities, as well as the bond between Bulldogs and those who work in partnership with them to attain these achievements."

Several Bulldogs have already been honored. No doubt you saw last month's newsletter with Benson on the front cover, who at more than 9 years of age, is a winner of the Bronze Level Versatility Award. Forgive me for shamelessly bragging about Benson and his owner, Gloria Marshall, but I am so proud of both of them.

I think we need the Bensons and the Glorias of the world to stand up for our beloved bullies and build awareness about what our dogs can and want to do. It also is an encouragement to every one of us who owns a Bulldog to try some of these activities. It will improve the health and happiness of both participants!

The sports included in the awards program are: Conformation and the Performance Events of Obedience, Rally, Standard Agility, Jumpers Agility, Coursing, Tracking, Odor Search Scent Work, Handler Discrimination Scent Work, Barn Hunt, Drafting/Carting, Dock Diving, Flyball, Herding Instinct, Weight Pull, Treibball, Parkour and UpDog. The civic activities included are: Canine Good Citizen, Temperament Testing, Farm Dog Certification, Trick Dog, Stunt Dog, Therapy Dog, and Search & Rescue.

Local all-breed clubs have training classes for many of these activities. Why not try something new with your Bully?

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WELCOME NEW RESCUE FAMILIES

Daisey and the Smith Family

Daisey was surrendered to us from a family because her long time owner dies. Daisey was a sweet seven year old girl. She did need some vet care , a spay and some surgery on her tail. Her gentle temperament and love of cats, dogs and people made her easy to place.

She is doing awesome! Her eyes are much better too. Vet says she is doing great. She was spoiled when we got her but she is pure spoiled rotten now. We haven't found a fruit or vegetable she doesn't like, but carrots are her favorite. My grandson brought her some for Valentine's Day. Thank you so much for letting us adopt her, she is a wonderful part of our family now.



Our Florida Connection

During December and January our new rescue volunteer in Florida, Jennifer Wolfgang facilitated two adoptions in Florida—Olaf and Max

MAX

Max was an owner surrender by a family who realized that his anxiety level was the result of many transitions in their life and he needed a quiet, stable home. Jennifer was able to place him with a dear couple in St. Augustine. They made the six hour drive to pick up max and take him home.



OLAF

Olaf 's family was moving and could not take him to their new housing. Dorothy had submitted an application with BCARN and was looking for another Bullie since she had lost her Toyko in 2018. She missed him and loved his snoring. She wanted to give another Bulldog a home. Jennifer was able to match her with Olaf. Olaf was sweet, responsive to people, easy to love and very active. He was neutered had a health check and he was ready to go.



Rainbow Bridge



Hannah aka Cuddles

Cuddles came to us from a shelter in middle Tennessee. She was found as a stray and had a cantaloupe size growth on her neck. The shelter recognized what a sweetie she was and asked for our help. Denise and Shawn Pridgen picked her up at the shelter and fell in love right then and there. We had her growth removed and her other problems treated. Denise and Shawn fostered her, renamed her Hannah and decided that they had to adopt her. We knew she was a senior and maybe would not be long with us and so the Pridgen's lavished her with love and attention for the twelve months she was with them.

We want to again thank all the good people who so generously donated to help us give Hannah the best year of her

Rainbow Bridge



Higgins

Higgins was surrendered to New Destiny Dog rescue from a local shelter. He was at least nine years old and had suffered from neglect. He was a sweet, mellow boy who got along with other dogs. He quickly found a new home with the McClane's who had a four year old Bulldog, Magnolia Peach Blossom. Higgins soon fell into the family routine of napping on the sofa, stealing his "sister's" stuffies, ringing the bell when he needed to go out, and visiting with the cows in the adjoining field.

Mary McClane sent an update in January: He is a doll! He's got quite the personality! He rings the bell to go outside! He is so smart! He loves bell rubs and has taken a liking to Magnolia's Lamb Chop toy. He's been falling asleep with it in his mouth! He is a love to everyone. Two of my 7 year old neighbors dropped by and he loved their visit. He follows Mark and me around when he's not napping. He and I slept on the couch last night. He jumped right on up there when it was bed time. He loves the 'body pillows' we have in the floor and of course loves his comforter.

For the 17 months he was with us, he rarely left our side. As a matter of fact, we took turns sleeping with him every night. He gave us tons of kisses and loved having his snacks. He was a favorite at the vets office and in our neighborhood. He feigned that he could not hear well but once a food wrapper was opened or something was cooking on the stove, he perked up like nobody's business! He was quite food-centric as most bulldogs are! He was so very loved. Magnolia still looks for him. She misses her 'big bruddah.'



Board Agenda Thurs. Jan 14 via Zoom
Regular Board meeting (Quorum=4 board members)

Members present: Nikki, Tanya, Suzan, Mari, Joleen, Denise & Lisa.

Call to Order: 7:10

Report of the Secretary : Received a flyer about PayPal touch free QR codes. I have attached a copy to the agenda. We might consider it for donations—however there is now a fee involved. Idea was tabled. There were no Nominations from the floor in November so the slate of officers as recorded stands.

Report of the Treasurer. Treasurer's report was attached to email to the board.

Report of Committees

Show Should we get the paperwork ready for a 2021 show if TVKC decides to hold one at Chilhowee? Ashley suggested that we hire the same judges from 2020—the Staley's ? Ashley also said that she has most of the trophies ready for the show this year. We are the 44th week so our dates for 2021 are Nov 6&7. Suzan will check with Wally to see if TVKC is planning on a show in the fall. If so she will contact the Staley's to see if they are available to judge. She will also contact MB-F for a contract. Board agreed that we will do a supported entry for the ORKC fall shows.

Rescue (see Excel file). Adopted in December. Princess, Baby and Bingo. We have taken in one new rescue Moses from a family in divorce. He needed a lot of vet care and was treated by a vet in Murfreesboro to save a trip over and back to middle TN. He is being fostered by a family in Smyrna. (Moses is 8 and has some serious issues, possible mass on his spleen. I consider the foster family to be giving him hospice care.) We also facilitated the adoptions of Olaf and Max with BCARN in Florida—Jennifer Wolfgang. Has everyone read the MOU that Joleen sent around? Are we ready to vote on it and send it to Jennifer for her signature? There was discussion about the MOU. Suzan will check with our insurance about out-of-state Club members. We may need to strengthen the section concerning approval to take in a dog. (Mari) When the MOU is ready for signatures we will get it notarized. (Tanya is a notary) We did receive \$155.00 from Olaf's rescue and the remainder of the \$350.00 fee paid the vet bill in Florida. Brody who was being fostered by Tami, crossed over Dec. 26. We paid his final vet bill. Rescue expenses in November and December were about \$1250.00

Programs We decided that trying to do an online kind of event would be off putting for members because by now most people are very Zoom weary. We did discuss perhaps do a yoga with the Bullies in March or April.

Fundraising Currently, we are in the black and depending on how he is doing we may do a donation post for Moses. Our December match was very successful. Thank you, Nikki and Tony,!

Old Business – Lisa would like to get the remainder of our items(pictures, figurines, toys) from her garage. We discussed coming together sometime in February to sort and decide what to do with them.

New Business— We discussed some possible new ways to utilize social media to continue getting our message out. Instagram, Tic-Tok? Need to recruit a younger, social media savvy person.
Next Meeting March 11 at 7 pm via Zoom?

Respectfully Submitted,
Mari Decuir, Secretary

Bulldog Rudy demonstrates his winning style at Westminster !

