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The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

On the web at: <http://www.smbcaren.org>

*There will be no event in April for the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
We are planning events for the spring and summer.
We will announce plans when they are finalized.*

AKC.TV

AKC has launched its brand new digital-first cable network called AKC.TV. This new joint venture with B Live productions is an OTT (Over-the-top) digital channel that can be accessed via our innovative web-based platform akc.tv or from akc.org.

Dog lovers will be able to connect to AKC.TV from any device including computers, tablets, phones, set-top boxes, and AppleTV with additional platforms to come. Viewers can browse the on-demand content library of dog training videos, puppy and breed videos, original programming, live coverage of AKC events and our brand new weekly TV show, **AKC Live!** which covers all that is new or noteworthy in the world of AKC and Purebred Dogs.

This modern platform allows AKC to broaden its audience and will help us to expand the awareness of our mission, and promote the value of purebred dogs as pets and in society. AKC.TV will bring dog lovers into the world of the AKC through entertaining and educational content that they can access 24/7. New content will be uploaded weekly to keep the network fresh for viewers and give them insight into all aspects of our community including responsible breeders, our Parent Clubs, AKC events, AKC's charitable affiliates and anything that we can imagine to celebrate purebred dogs.

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Mutual Admiration Society !

Lemon and Ashley

Sureshot Too Sweet to Be Sour (Lemon)

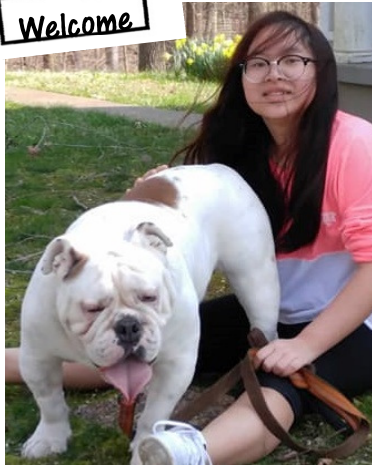
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So proud of this little spitfire for winning her class and going RWB today at the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club under Dr. Carol White-Moser



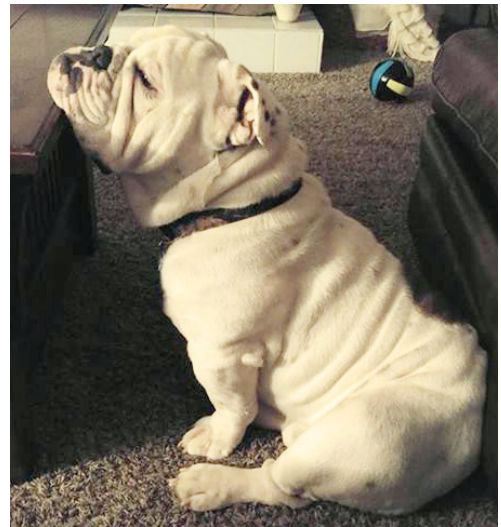


GUNNER



Gunner came to us in March from a family that saved him from being taken to a shelter. They could not keep him because of a move where no dogs were allowed. Patrick Thomas and his daughter Faith were ready for another Bulldog and Gunner was the perfect fit.

"Gunnar snores when he's asleep AND awake too. Can't tell without looking and even then his eyes might be closed and awake anyway. What a crazy monster he is. Loving having him here."



NEW ARRIVAL—Marley and foster mom Leah Ann



Meet Marley. He is in the capable hands and arms of foster mom Leah Ann Opsitnik and her husband Jackie. He is their first foster English bulldog and he is loving the special attention that he is getting while he heals from some serious infections on his feet. The family got special booties for his to wear when he is outside. He is 5 years young and so far seems like a very happy go lucky boy. He has some allergy issues from food which Leah Ann is treating with home cooked meals. In her FB post Leah Ann said, "... we will get him on the mend and feeling better in a short time. He has made himself right at home with us. He must sense we are Bulldog loving family. Thank you Mari DeCuir from Smoky Mountain Bulldog Rescue for trusting us with him. Thank you Nikki Opsitnik and Pamela Barbaro for teaching me the ins and outs of fostering rescues."



**Newest rescues
Buddy and Teddy**
Say hello to our newest arrivals. They have both been to our vet and are happy in foster homes. Buddy was an owner surrender and Teddy came from a shelter in NC.

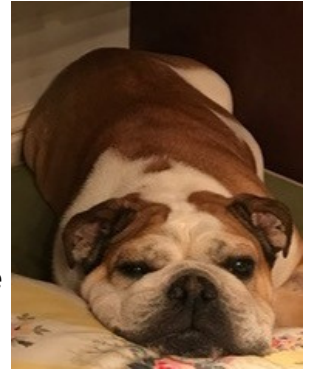


Rainbow Bridge



*Oatie
A beautiful soul*

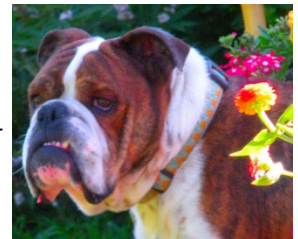
Oatie (aka Phenix Rock Solid Princess) came to us from North Carolina in 2012. She was a big girl in need of a diet and surgery to heal an infected tail. She was adopted by the Johnson family in Nashville and became a great traveler, going with them many times to visit family in Savannah. With loving care her new family helped her lose ten pounds. Karen reported that, *"she even plays outside and runs. Can you believe it? She has brought so much pleasure to our family"*. In January of 2017 she developed a cancerous tumor in the right side of her heart. There was nothing to do except keep her as comfortable as possible. With especially gentle, loving care Oatie stayed with the Johnson family another three months but her



TANK and Cynthialynn bringing joy to many

Cynthialynn Jones was one of our first adopting families, she helped with transports many times and was generous with donations to our rescue fund. She provided the unique Bulldog throw that was part of our 2018 Wine to the Rescue. Last fall she lost one of her longtime Bullies TANK.

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Sherman "Tank" succumbed to old age and has gone to be with God. We have never known how old Tank was, but having him 9.5 years I can tell you that along with Patton was the greatest joy of our lives. Tank was a gentle giant, a true love that would visit patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital, The Children Hospital and many nursing homes. In Tanks last few years he was with me in the office and court as he continued to help clients and seemed to always make every situation calmer. Tank had many followers in Murfreesboro and brought joy to hundreds of people. Tank was also the inspiration of our wine label The Tanked Grape for animal rescue efforts. While I know he is in heaven chasing all opossums, I am a selfish girl and always want to them to be with me forever.



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Dog Food Collection Bonanza



Thanks for Dr. Shanna Sparks of Knoxville Chiropractic Solutions we have received this bountiful donation of canned and dry dog food to feed some of our rescues. Dr. Sparks who has SMBC rescues Satchel and Scooter, organized this collection as part of I Love Powell event on Sunday March 25. Anyone bringing dog food to donate was entered in a raffle for some very fun prizes. We want to thank Dr. Sparks for her generous and creative to our Rescue program.

Minutes of the Board Meeting March 3, 2018

Members present: Tanya, Suzan, Mari, Nikki, Joleen
Call to order: 10:35 am

Report of the Secretary : 1. letter from the morning hospitality chair for the 2018 Nationals requesting a \$50.00 donation for food. Suzan made a motion that we send them \$50.00, Joleen seconded, MC. The chair is also requesting 4 to 6 people for morning set up and late afternoon prep for one of the six days of the shows. Mari will send a copy of the letter around to club members who would most likely be attending and request that they contact the chair directly.

2. Bulldogger once again omitted our rescue report in the December issue.

3. Received a letter from Crowne Plaza thanking us for the event.

Report of the Treasurer. Report on WTTR. 1. Suzan distributed income and expenses for WTTR so far. There are still a few outstanding bills and some income not yet added. So far it appears that we have cleared over \$7000.00. Mari made a motion that the General Fund be reimbursed for half of the 2017 Insurance since the premium went up. Joleen seconded, MC Suzan made a motion that the General Fund be reimbursed for the cost of the storage unit since the unit is used to store both WTTR and the Wagner auction items. Nikki seconded. MC.

2. Suzan sent a check for \$25.00 to Music City for their trophy fund.

3. Suzan will contact Ranee and get the PayPal issue resolved so we can get the money deposited in the Rescue account.

Report of Committees

Show No plans for 2018 since the dates conflict with the Nationals.

Rescue (see Excel file). Riley, Indie, Tater and Griffin placed since the last report. Currently we have no Bullies needing rescue.

Programs. Thanks to Alena and Roman for hosting the Christmas party. 1. We have an event for March. Wine Tasting at ET K-9 Center. Sunday March 25 3 pm. Tanya will be checking with the Center about available dates for other programs. Programs discussed were demonstrations of acupuncture, Healing Touch for Animals. Yappy Hour at a local pub.

Fundraising. 1. General discussion about this year's WTTR. Successful but very labor intensive for the six of us. We were better organized for the set up but the checkout procedure was not smooth or efficient. Announcements were difficult to hear. 2. Discussion on whether to do another in 2018—decision tabled until we can have another meeting. Will need a decision by the middle of April when we will have to sign a contract with the hotel. 3. Other fund raising ideas were discussed. We will try selling some of the Wagner items on E-Bay and see how they do. Just a few so that the shipping does not overwhelm us. 4. Online T-shirt sale using Ann-Marie's design.

Thank you notes were divided up for each of us to send out. Tanya will make 50 copies of the Thank you sponsor page to include this the notes.

Old Business--None

New Business— None

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary



Quiet time for animals and new hours at Young-Williams Animal Center!

Young-Williams Animal Center continues to make changes aimed at benefiting both adoptable animals and potential adopters. After lowering adoption fees earlier this month, we are now rolling out new hours of operation! Starting **Monday, April 2**, Young-Williams Animal Center will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, offering pet adoption services and lost-and-found access for an additional two hours each morning. Our former public hours were noon-6 p.m. The expanded hours of operation include a new feature: one hour of quiet time from 1-2 p.m. daily. "While we want to be more accessible to those looking to adopt a pet or find a lost pet, the shelter can be a loud, busy and sometimes stressful environment for the animals who live here," CEO Janet Testerman says. "Animals thrive on routine, and they also benefit from down time, just like people."

"The quiet time allows animals to rest and relax, supporting their physical and emotional health while in our care. It also helps rejuvenate them to put their best paw forward when meeting potential adopters throughout the day, helping to place more of these sweet pets in forever homes."

From 1-2 p.m. all daily traffic in and out of animal rooms will cease, lights will be turned off, and animals will be left alone to rest. The center will close, also allowing staff to take lunch at this time or work quietly in offices behind closed doors. If an adoption is in process already when quiet time begins, staff will continue to work with that adopter in the lobby area.