



# The Nine O'clock Bark

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SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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## BUTTERMILK SKY PIE ★ SHOP



April is Banana Cream Pie month  
Pie it Forward !

During the month of April

the Turkey Creek Buttermilk Sky Pie shop

Will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of e ery

Banana Cream Pie

to our rescue

Stop in! take home a delicious pie and  
help our rescue"



Shop is located at

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### WE NEED HELP WITH A FACEBOOK PROBLEM

Facebook has been a major source of fund raising for our rescue especially during the 2020 pandemic.

We now have a serious problem with Facebook and are hoping someone with some experience with Facebook or who have had a similar problem can help us.

Suddenly on Monday we were not able to use the Donate button and attach it to a post.

We have been part of Facebook Payments for several years and are a registered 501c3 organization with them and have received payments through Network for Good. Messages to Facebook Help have come back to us with standard boilerplate on how to add a donate button (not possible from our page), how to enroll in Facebook Payments ( we are already enrolled) and current information on fund raisers. All the links come back with the notice that "Facebook.com refused to connect".

Any ideas or suggestions about how we can get real help and get this resolved would be most appreciated.

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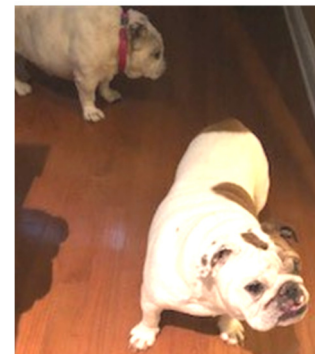
# RESCUE NEWS

## WELCOME NEW RESCUE FAMILY



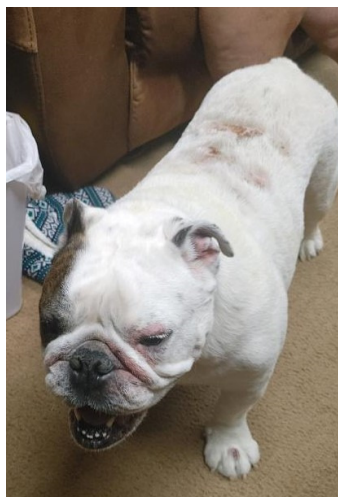
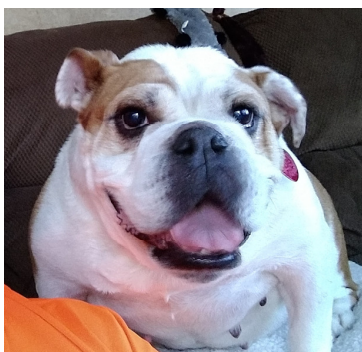
### Spanky and the Moats family

Spanky came into rescue from a loving home when a new family member developed an allergy to him. He has been adopted by Scott and Leann and their pack, Summit and Fenway. So Spanky is now a member of a three dog household. You can see camera shy Summit hiding in the background while Spanky takes center stage. He has been enjoying assisting Leann with her workouts and getting a workout of his own chasing his other two playmates. Leann reports that he has actually lost a few pounds.



## New Arrivals looking for a home

This sweet character is Sassy. She was returned to us because she was not happy around small children. She would be better as an only dog but we think some training would help her to be more comfortable around other dogs. She is at her best as a snuggle bunny, curled up as close as she can with her people.



This guy is Diesel. He has been handed around and has some behavior issues. We hope to find an understanding family with some dog training experience who would be willing to work with him, help him to learn his place in the pack and give him a stable life.

## New arrivals going home soon

Amazing Mazee is an owner surrender who was a "farm dog" and was sleeping in a garage. Her curious, gentle temperament is a delight and the Good Life is awaiting her with her new family in North Carolina.



Georgie was rescued from a neglect situation where she did not even have a name! She came to us without any vet care and needed cherry eye and dental surgery and she is heartworm positive. Her new family will be giving her much needed love and attention while she is being treated for the heartworms.

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

### Protecting Your Bullie from Infectious Diseases

This month's column is about immunizations. I've had vaccinations on my mind – for two reasons. First, I just got my second COVID shot. Yeah!!!! Also, our puppies just got their second set of shots.

If you're hesitant about getting immunizations for yourself or your Bullies, please, please speak with your doctor or your vet, whichever the case may be. Full disclosure – in more than 30 years of breeding bulldogs, we have had only one case of side effects. If you've ever seen a dog with parvo, distemper or rabies, I think you'll agree that the benefits outweigh the risks. You can check the health section of the AKC.org website for more information on the various diseases that you can help your Bullie to avoid.

There are two kinds of vaccines – those your Bullie needs to get and those that are important but optional. Schedules vary by location, so consult with your vet on what is best in your area for your Bullie. Following is a general guideline that can serve as a starting point for a with your vet:

- 6-8 weeks old – Distemper, parvovirus
- 10-12 weeks old – DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza and parvovirus)
- 16-18 weeks old – DHPP, rabies
- 12-16 months old – DHPP, rabies
- Every 1-2 years – DHPP
- Every 1-3 years – Rabies (as required by law)

We show our Bullies and take them to training classes, so they are exposed to many other dogs. Consequently, they also get Bordetella vaccine – which is available as an injectable and a nasal spray. Because of the prevalence of ticks in our area and the possibility that they may transmit Lyme disease, our Bullies also get a Lyme vaccine. And, of course, they all receive medication to prevent against heartworm, which are transmitted by mosquitoes.

There is a lot of debate over how often to give adult dogs booster shots. For your adult Bullies, you may want to opt for a titer test, which measures immunity levels, before deciding on whether or not you want to have them vaccinated annually. Your Bullies may be exposed to many dangerous, potentially deadly, but mostly preventable diseases during their lifetime. I urge you to consult with your vet about how best to protect them.

**Judee Shuler, Kendee Bulldogs**

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### *Teddy — a lovable lug of a guy*

Teddy came into rescue as an owner surrender from a family with new twin babies. Teddy craved being the center of attention, had graduated from two obedience classes and wanted one-on-one attentions from a family that appreciated the Bullie spirit. Teddy was fostered by Anne Marie Harik before we found the perfect home for him. He was adopted by Caroline Hamilton who was a long time member of SMBC, having adopted four other Bullies from us. Teddy was finally in a home where he was appreciated for the great Bulldog that he was.



**Minutes of the Board Meeting via Zoom  
March 11, 2021**

**Members present:** Nikki, Suzan, Mari, Joleen, Denise, Lisa

**Call to Order** 7:08 pm

**Report of the Secretary** Submitted ( finally) Officers to AKC. Ashley sent a draft copy of the trophies for the fall shows. Her email was sent around with the agenda. — Dixie Johnson passed away Dec. 18, 2020. I left a memorial on her obit page from SMBC. No other correspondence.

**Report of the Treasurer.** Treasurer's Report was attached to the Zoom link email

**Report of Committees**

Show Suzan still needs to contact the Sommerfeld's about the TVKC shows this fall. We will need to link Ashley in to our next meeting if we are to have a fall show. Denise has offered to come up with some suggestions for trophies for the supported entry for ORKC. Denise will also try to find out about prices for the SMBC license plates.

Rescue (see Excel file). Adopted in January and February: Daisey, have two in foster care. Moses and Spanky. I anticipate that the Moats will adopt Spanky. Moses is doing well, the vet in Murfreesboro wants to remove his spleen because of a tumor. I discussed all of this with the foster mom. I am going to get an estimate from the vet and see about submitting a request for a grant form BCARN. No new Florida dogs so far. I sent around a revised MOU to the board. Mari will send the MOU to Jennifer for signature and notary. Mari will continue to look at the list that Denise sent for grants for which we could be eligible. The Bissell grant has a lot of paperwork, it takes six months to be registered and then we can only apply for a specific item when they open the process. The December match (from Network for Good) with Nikki and Tony's donation came. I deposited \$1040.00 and about \$48.00 from Amazon Smile. Rescue has been very slow not sure why.

Programs Still waiting on pandemic relief to sponsor in person events.

Fundraising Nikki has been contacted by Pie It Forward to be their April recipient. Joleen is making the signs and Nikki will take sign and brochures to the store.

**Old Business** — Lisa will check her calendar and see when it would be good for us to meet at her house to sort through what is left from the storage unit. A Sunday afternoon would work for most of us.

**New Business**

Next Meeting May 13 at 7 pm via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted

Mari Decuir, Secretary



*Polly — Loved and Blessed*

Polly was nine years old when she came into rescue as an owner surrender at a local shelter. She was fostered by Karen Forseth until we found her a home with Jennifer Castro who had moved to the area to care for a family member. Jennifer was dedicated to Bulldogs and already had two other girls. So Polly joined a loving family where Bullies were Queens. She was happily fitting in with her new friends but not long after arriving Jennifer discovered that Polly had developed some serious medical problems that were untreatable. With great love and care Jennifer walked with her to the Rainbow Bridge. She sent this message in August of 2020. *Thank you for letting me have her even if it was for a short time.*