



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

On the web at: <http://smbcarn.org/>

*The next gathering of the Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Will be Tuesday June 5 at 6:30*

At the

Animal Wellness and Rehabilitation Center

6221 Kingston Pike

On Bearden hill across from Bearden Central Baptist Church



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OUR NEXT PROGRAM

Integrative Veterinary Medicine Strategies for your Pet"

Dr. Amanda Pittman

will give a tour of her new facility that specializes in
Integrative Veterinary Medicine

Surgery

Acupuncture

Rehabilitation

Food Therapy

A full service veterinary hospital in Bearden

A message from our President Ken Dudley

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to summer weather! I hope this message finds you well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being a part of SMBC.

As a member, we need your help with our newsletter. We invite you to share your tips, brags, photos, questions, events or stories with our club members. We would also greatly appreciate any suggestions on programs for our club meetings that you would like to see. Please email me at kendeedudley@gmail.com or Mari Decuir at mdecur@utk.edu, and we will do our best to make it happen.

Our club works because of you.

Ken Dudley

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- Ken Dudley

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- Tanya Price

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- Mari DeCuir

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- Suzan Jordan

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- Joleen Dewald
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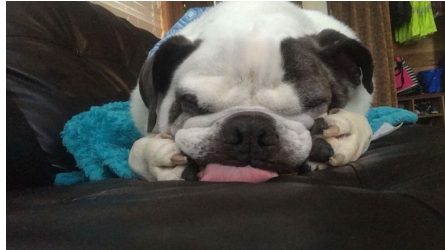
SHOW SUBMISSIONS AND PICTURES ARE WELCOME !

SMBC would like to continue to share our members ' show wins. However due to some privacy concerns we will no longer publish any pictures or information unless the member sends the information and pictures about the wins to the newsletter editor, mdecur@utk.edu. Please give specific permission to publish any submissions.

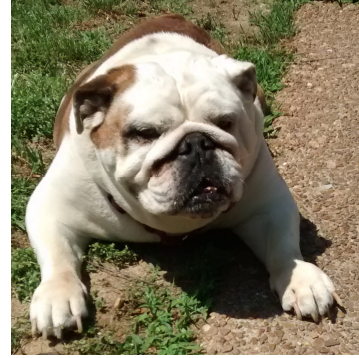
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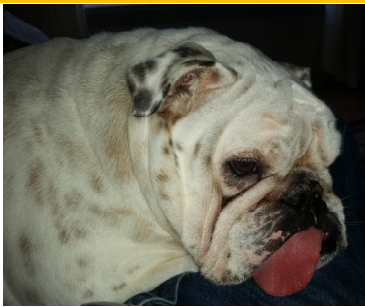
**Teddy and the
Yardley Family**



Buddy and the Earls Family



**Macy and the
Scarfia Family**

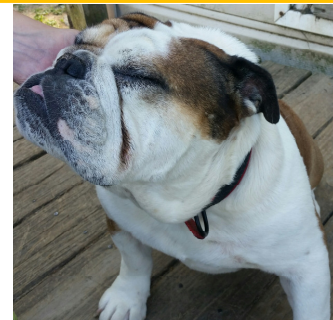


Casper

New Arrivals



Marley



Chyna



CHUMLEY—FROM HORRIBLE TO HAPPY

Chumley wasn't always known as Chumley. When he came to us in 2012 he was # 5071 at the Young Williams Animal Center. Chumley had been rescued from a horrible life. He was found along with two female Bullies in an outside, filthy pen surrounded by trash and debris. We got Chumley healthy and he was adopted by Dave Trueb and his family. Chumley was very much loved and enjoyed celebrating holidays with his family if the Christmas and Easter pictures are any indication. He was with the family until May of 2017 when we received this message: "You brought me my beautiful Chumley who was rescued from an illegal exotic pet breeder.

My little buddy had undiagnosed heart disease, more specifically an

enlarged heart, which started acting up a while ago. He began rapidly losing weight, we found the problem and it was managed well on meds for a number of months but all of it took a toll on his liver. So a bit over a week ago he had gotten to a point he was too weak and miserable to go on, and we had to let him go.

I am heart broken, and miss him so much, but I am so grateful for you and the chance to have had him in my life. I only had him for a little over six years but he made it to 11 which is a good age for a bulldog. And he was happy."

Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Board meeting May 12, 2018 (Quorum=4 board members)

Members present: Ken, Tanya, Suzan, Mari, Nikki, and Joleen

Call to order: 10:05 am

Report of the Secretary: 1 Did receive a response from Ashley about the 2018 national's hospitality. Ken and Judee will be attending. 2. Newsletter: Rainbow Bridge section was discussed and the board concluded that no changes were necessary. It provides a gentle memorial for both our member's and our rescue Bullies. The board also discussed privacy issues regarding the publication of show wins and pictures. A policy statement was drafted and will be published in the next issue of the newsletter. Show submissions and pictures are welcomed but will only be published if they are submitted directly to the newsletter editor with written permission from the member. 3. Received the annual report to the TN Sec of State, I went online and filed our report for 2018.

Report of the Treasurer. Suzan circulated the final report on WTTR. As agreed at the last board meeting Rescue fund will pay one half of our insurance for 2017 & 18. Additionally rescue will pay for the cost of the storage unit since what is stored there is primarily rescue related items.

2. Suzan has contacted Rane and has gotten the PayPal issue resolved and the donations from the Franklin's in Nashville was deposited in the rescue account.

Report of Committees

Show No plans for 2018 since the dates conflict with the Nationals. Ken sent an email asking if we would like to do a supported entry for both the ORKC shows in Oct. and TVKC 2018 shows in Nov. There was a consensus agreeing to do it. We will need 12 items total for the supported entry for the two days. 4 BOB, 4 BOW, 4 BOS. We will discuss what those items should be at the July board meeting. Information will be posted on the FB page when the dates get closer.

Rescue (see Excel file). We have three Bullies in foster homes. Marley, Teddy and Buddy.

Programs. (Tanya) We really need to start organizing some activities for club programs. Need to follow through with suggestions from last meeting: Healing Touch, picnic/get together possible at K-9 Center(for the fall), Justin Rigney dog trainer willing to work with our rescues,(Mari will follow up with Officer Helton) Animal Wellness and Rehabilitation. Dr. Amanda Pittman. Tanya has brochure and will contact about a date. Smoky Mountain Service Dogs was another program that was suggested.

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. Board decided not to have the WTTR fund raiser next year and try other avenues. 2. 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. Mari has sent photos and information to Suzan. Suzan will send PayPal information to Joleen to set up E-Bay account for the items. 3. Online T-shirt sale using Ann-Marie's design. 4. Window clings with our logo to sell. 5. possible online auction for a one or two night stay at the Dollywood Dreammore resort. One of our rescue families has offered to provide this for us.

Old Business- none

New Business— Bulldogger has gone to three issues for this year. Our news did not get into the first issue because deadlines were not circulated. Mari still has an issue with our rescue news being deleted from the submission. Ken advised that we should not report any rescue news.

Meeting adjourned : 11:25

Next Meeting Saturday July 14 10 am at Suzan's house.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary

This month we begin an new feature.

Judee and Ken will share their wisdom from thirty years of Bulldog care.

Hello My Fellow Bulldoggers,

I have the great pleasure of sharing with you each month some things Ken and I have learned during our more than 30 years of caring for our Bulldogs. That said, let me be the first to admit that this is one person's view and that responsible Bulldog breeders never stop learning about their beloved breed and never stop seeking the advice of others who are knowledgeable. Let's start with some considerations we should have for our Bulldogs as the weather turns warmer. Spring brings great opportunities to spend time outside with your Bully, so get out there and enjoy the weather by taking a daily walk with your Bully. Yes, Bulldogs need regular, moderate, sustained cardiovascular activity to stay in shape. Make sure you have plenty of water availa-

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ble on your walks. We teach our dogs to drink out of spray bottles at a very young age. It is a convenient way to take water along. As the temperature warms, your Bulldog will inevitably shed, so a good brushing with a soft bristle brush or rubber curry comb a few times a week will eliminate dead hair and keep a shiny coat.

The flea and tick population emerge with spring rains and warmer weather. Talk to your vet about prevention medications. Heartworm is a life-threatening problem for dogs, so a trip to the vet for a heartworm check every spring is a must. Your vet will advise what you should use to guard against heartworm.

Warm weather also brings out bees, wasps and other stinging insects. It is important to have Benadryl on hand should your Bully be bitten. Your vet can provide dosing advice for your dog for either the liquid or pill form. After being bitten – or for any reason - if your Bulldog shows difficult breathing or signs of airway restriction, get your dog to the vet immediately.

Pollen plagues many of us this time of year, and it may bother your dog, too. Benadryl is your friend here, as well. Watch for itchy skin, though, which can develop into a skin infection. Consult with your vet, if your Bully is scratching excessively. For itchy eyes, we recommend Genteal, as it is a gel that stays in the eye. You can get a generic form at most grocery stores.

That's it for this month, my Bully buddies. Next month, there will be more warm weather tips. Meanwhile, if you have any recommendations for further topics or any tips that you would like me to include, please email me at judeeshuler@gmail.com. I will, of course, give you credit for your advice.

Judee Shuler

Here is a way to take Judee's advice and get outside with your Bullie!
Fun things to do .

Oak Ridge Kennel Club Training Classes

Training classes are available at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club training facility over a five to six week set of classes.

Here is the link to their classes page for dates, times, classes and registration.

<http://www.orkc.org/classes.html>

"Our aim is to help you train your dog to be an enjoyable companion and, if you desire, to participate in competitions. Not all dogs have identical personalities and capabilities; so, what works for one dog may not work for another. We focus on using positive training methods."

Need help getting your Bullie to Sit, Stay or Down?

Here is another training option.

The Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley (HSTV)

has a new low cost resource to offer our community.

The Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley (HSTV), can schedule or refer you for low cost dog training. We will offer basic obedience classes or one-on-one classes to address specific behaviors at our shelter.

Space is limited, reserve your "spot" today!

Basic Obedience Package (Group class - 3 classes)

Behaviors/skills addressed in group obedience classes include but not limited to: Sit, Stay, Down, Come, Off, Heel, No, Focus, Leave it, Potty training, Leash walking, Jumping, Nipping, Chewing, Crate training. \$90

Specific behavior issues

Behaviors/skills addressed in one-on-one sessions include but not limited to:

Separation Anxiety, Fear based issues, Resource guarding, Reactive to people, Reactive to other dogs, Lack of socialization, Biting. \$50/session

In-Home Classes (30 mile radius from zip 37865)

Behaviors/skills addressed in in-home sessions include but not limited to: Nuisance Barking, Reactive to guests coming into house, Getting along with other dogs, Very fearful dogs \$75/session

All classes are led by Certified Dog Trainers who utilize positive science-based training methods. We discourage the use of pain, fear or coercion to modify or manage behavior.

Contact our trainers directly at training@humanesocietytennessee.com