



# The Nine O'clock Bark

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SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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*Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club*  
*We are still active*  
*just waiting for most folks to be vaccinated so we*  
*can once again have events.*  
*We miss seeing all of you!*

## HELP WITH A FACEBOOK PROBLEM

Last month we asked for some help or advice on a problem we were having with Facebook. We want to thank everyone who sent a reply or a suggestions including people who responded on Facebook. We really have not solved the problem and Facebook Help was no help at all. However we found a work around. Registered non profit users can write a post and use the Donate button but they cannot post any pictures. We could post pictures but cannot add the button. We were advised by one user that the problem my be the operating system— apparently Facebook likes the iPhone better than Windows PC So what we have done is a double post. We wrote a post about Georgie and included the Donate button. Then we added another post with information and pictures about Georgie. Generous followers helped us with Georgie’s heartworm treatments. And as you will see on page 2 she has been adopted by a wonderful family. So if anyone has any further ideas about why Facebook is so difficult to use sometimes we are still open to new ideas.

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## Returning to work outside your home?

### What will our dogs think?

Now that we are getting vaccinated and quarantine rules are being relaxed, people are returning to their workplaces.

What will happen to the routines that our dogs have enjoyed over the past year with families home all the time?

AKC has some suggestions on how to help your pups cope with a new routine:

- Keep departures and returns relaxed and low-key.
- Arrange for a dog walker or doggy daycare visit.
- Exercise or play games with your dog before you leave the house.

Here is a link to a brief article with some ideas that may help:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/puppies-after-covid-will-think/>

## In April we welcomed three new Families to rescue



Welcome



### GEORGIE

This is our sweet heart-worm positive girl that was surrendered by a family in Georgia who had gotten her from a breeder who hadn't even given her a name. She is now with the **Buck** family who are caring for her while she is being treated for the heart-worms. Georgie is slowly coming out of her shell and beginning to interact with the family and become friends with Tank, the Buck's other Bulldog.

### MAZEE

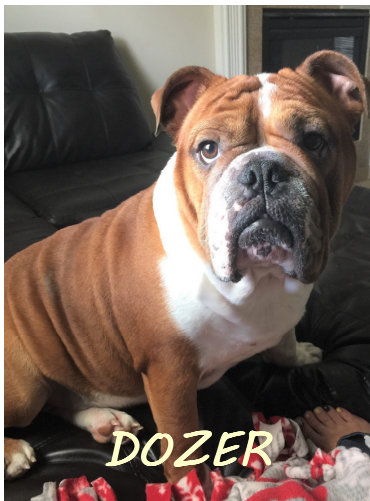
Mazee came to us after her owner died. She was fostered briefly by Jim and Cissy Lindsey before becoming the **Kirby** family princess! She has a perfect Bulldog temperament, gets along with other dogs, loves car rides and greeting all the neighborhood dogs. She has been deemed The Perfect Match!



### SASSY

Sassy was returned to us when her adopter felt that he could no longer care for her. She is now a happy and important member of the **Hicks** family and is getting to go for more walks and playtime to help her lose some weight and improve her breathing.

### New Arrivals looking for a Forever Home



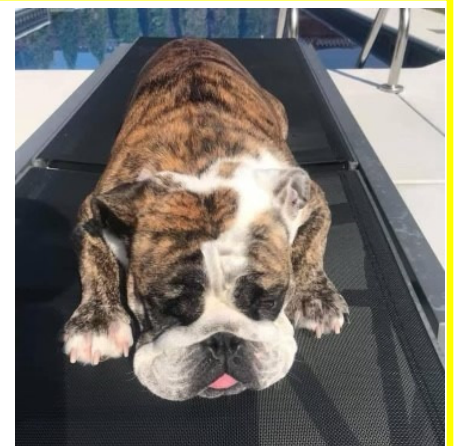
DOZER

Dozer and Riley are both owner surrenders who need homes with no other dogs or with a family who is willing to supervise and work with them to adjust in a home with maybe one other dog.

**Dozer** is seven and is good with children house trained and crate trained.

**Riley** is three and needs a home with no cats or children.

Both are sweet babies that just need a different home environment



RILEY

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

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### If Your Bully Needs Surgery – A Discussion Guide for You and Your Vet

There may come a time when your Bully needs surgery. There are some things you need to plan for and discuss with your vet in advance. But before we get started – full disclosure – I AM NOT A VET. My intent is not to give you medical advice for your dog but to help you have a meaningful discussion with your vet before surgery.

First of all, your Bully should have no food or water 12 hours before surgery. Vomiting and aspiration can have devastating effects. If it is an emergency and the surgery must be done no matter what, make sure to tell your vet when your Bully last ate.

Ask your vet if they will be doing a full blood chemistry, measure clotting time and do a complete blood count. Will an intravenous (IV) catheter be placed prior to surgery and will IV fluids be administered during surgery? For anything other than a very short minor procedure, anesthesia will be administered. You and your vet need to discuss what they will use. Another full disclosure – AT ONE POINT IN MY CAREER, I WORKED FOR AN ANESTHESIA COMPANY, SO I KNOW ENOUGH TO BE DANGEROUS.

That said, the anesthesiologists I've worked with and all the vets I've had for the past 30-plus years have recommended propofol for induction and then intubation so that an inhalation anesthetic can be administered for maintenance. That anesthesia gas should be isoflurane or sevoflurane ONLY. If your vet disagrees, find out why. I would also recommend a second opinion. Some vets also administer post-op medication to help with nausea and throat swelling.

Just a word on intubation. That is putting a breathing tube down the trachea. The tube is attached to an anesthesia machine. This allows for precise control of the amount of anesthesia delivered and maximizes oxygen supply. The tube should be left in place until the Bully is sufficiently awake to exhibit a gag reflex. Bulldogs should never be masked down to administer inhaled anesthesia. This involves restraining the dog and placing a mask over the muzzle.

When your beloved bulldog goes into surgery, it can be a very stressful time, but if you have a good discussion with your vet before the procedure, it can help put your mind at ease.

Judee Shuler, Kende Bulldogs

No Bulldog Nationals last year, so there will be TWO in one week in November.  
The Nationals are a fun place to meet other Bulldog lovers and see the most Beautiful Bullies in the US.



For more information <https://bulldognationals.org/>

Rainbow Bridge



## Lucie — all heart, all the way

Bertha (aka Lucie) came to us from the Union County shelter where she was turned in as a stray. When no one claimed her the shelter called us. Lucie, as she was soon renamed, was fostered by Suzan Jordan and her daughter and son-in-law until she was adopted by Bill Smith in Nashville. Mr. Smith reported that she was a hit whenever she went to the vet's, everyone marveling at what a beautiful girl she was. Mr. Smith sent us this note last spring. I adopted Lucie in August 2015 from Smokey Mountain Bulldog Club, and took her home with me to Nashville. She lost her battle with

lymphoma this past Monday. Lucie was a happy, wonderful dog, and I adored her. I want to thank SMBC for giving me the blessing of having Lucie in my life.

She was such a sweetheart. She even had a heart shaped spot on her side.



Rainbow Bridge



## Harley — Her best days were her last

Harley had been abandoned by her owners and left to live outside. A kind neighbor tried to care for her but realized that she need more. After being examined by our vet it was determined that in addition to being heartworm positive, in need of dental care, removal of a mammary tumor that she had cancerous lesions in her lungs and stomach. We determined that hospice care would be best for her. Tim Black and his wife Trish stepped up to care for her. She found a warm spot and a soft bed in their kitchen where she could watch their comings and goings and give them Love Licks when they passed by her. She was only with us about six weeks before she crossed over early in the morning of July 15. But in those six weeks she had food and shelter and knew Love —perhaps for the first time in her life. Tim and Trish lovingly buried her under a pine tree in their yard.

### NOTICE

**SHOW SUBMISSIONS AND PICTURES ARE WELCOME !**

**SEND US YOUR SHOW WINS AND BRAGS**

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](mailto:mdecur@utk.edu).

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