



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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*The next gathering of the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Will be Sunday Sept 19 2 to 5 pm
Oak Ridge Kennel Club facility
(Directions page 4)*

AT LAST—SAVE THE DATE !!!
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19
2 to 5 pm

A Bulldog PICNIC

Oak Ridge Kennel Club Training Facility
1790 Oak Ridge Turnpike (Hwy 95)
BULLDOGS ARE WELCOME



Indoors
Air conditioned

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES AND
A SILENT AUCTION OF BULLDOG COOKIE JARS

More Upcoming Events!
Save the dates NOW

Oct 2 and 3 Oak Ridge Kennel Club All Breed shows. Two days of beautiful AKC dogs showing off their best. East Tennessee Agriculture Exposition Center, Harriman, TN Rings times for Bullies is usually early AM. https://foytrendogshows.com/forms/PLs/PL2021/PL_2021_Oak_Ridge.pdf



October 17 Ride for our Rescue Cycle Bar in Bearden

Be sure to like and follow our Facebook page (Smoky Mountains Bulldog Rescue) for more information on how to sign up.

October 24 UT Gardens Time to dress your Bullies in their best costumes and enjoy an afternoon of fun. SMBC will have a booth.



Nov 6 and 7 SMBC specialties at Chilhowee Park

in conjunction with Tennessee Valley All Breed shows. Four chances to see the beautiful Bullies in the show ring. Ring times and other information will be posted on our Facebook page



Welcome New Rescue Families



Daisy and the Boyland Family

Daisy was having trouble in her former home and not getting along with the families' other dogs. We were able to find her a new home where she could be an only dog and the center of attention. Her new mom



cooks special food for her, plays tug and lets her sleep on the sofa and watch the birds. The Boylan's think she is the perfect dog and are so happy we found them and they are able to give her the Good Life.

Bubba and the Weir family

Bubba came into rescue because his former family just did not have time for him and did not want him to be neglect-



ed. Bubba has some skin issues, ear infections and dry eye. We found a home for him with the Weir family who had adopted from our rescue before. He happily settled in and quickly found the toy box and the doggie door. The Weir's are happy to have him since they recently lost their two Bullies and his sweet, gentle temperament is just what they needed.



October 17th

Rescue Fund Raiser at Cycle Bar

We're excited to announce another fun charity ride with **CycleBar Bearden.**



Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 17th at 2:00pm (tentative).

More information to follow. So be sure to like and follow our Facebook page (Smoky Mountains Bulldog Rescue) so you don't miss your chance at reserving a bike!

This event went on a waitlist last time

And yes, Bulldogs will be there to greet you at the front door.



Petunia — what a story

Petunia came into rescue from a shelter in Decatur, AL. Denise, one of our board members drove to AL to get her. Petunia, which we named her had multiple problems. In addition to being heartworm positive she had a large tumor on her back leg which was cancerous. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant from Live Like Roo foundation to help us with the extraordinary expenses of treating the cancer. Dr. Frasier at

Northshore Animal Hospital was able to remove the tumor with clean margins. Petunia went to the Young family to be fostered while she healed and we looked for her forever home. Throughout all of this she never lost her inquisitive spirit, her love of adventure and her hyper activity level. She was adopted by Kristen Moore who delighted in her "goofy personality". Unfortunately in March the cancer came back with a vengeance. *"Sweet Petunia passed away today she fought a good fight tho. It was the tumor, it was very aggressive and came back twice as big as the one that was removed and put pressure on her heart and lungs. She was my girl for sure, she even went to work with me almost every day. Rest easy sweet girl I'll see you when I get there."*



Bella Charleston — Quality not Quantity

This sweet girl came to our notice after a call from a shelter in SC. The shelter guessed that she was breeder dump and was not reclaimed. A wonderful family in Charleston had contacted us about adopting. They had a fabulous Bullie named Mr. Juice and wanted to help another Bullie. We were able to connect them with Bella. In addition to being underweight she had allergies and infections that caused her to scratch uncontrollably. Once those were treated she began to blossom. She loved the park and the children's playground where she climbed up the slide and slide down, not once but twice! She turned out to be a bit dominant but sweet Mr. Juice tolerated it and they became napping buddies. In the nine months that she was with the Meyer's she was lavished with love and attention, we know that their generous spirit somehow made up for all the years of neglect that she undoubtedly suffered. This is our mission—to give these dogs the best possible life for as long as we have them.

In July we received this message:

"Sadly, our sweet Bella passed away yesterday. We loved her so much and are beyond heartbroken. We miss her already and cannot imagine life without her. Thank you for sending her our way. We were so lucky to be her parents. She certainly took a piece of our hearts with her."



Healthy and Happy Bulldogs—tips and advice from Judee

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How to Help Your Bullie Chill Out

It has been hot as blazes, and while we can cool off with a delicious ice cream cone, it is not a good idea to share it with your Bullie. Instead, there are some creative and healthy alternatives we can easily prepare to help them beat the heat.

Fill an ice cube tray with no-salt-added beef or chicken broth.

Fill the trays half full of broth. Once frozen, add a small treat – a blueberry or piece of freeze-dried liver -- then fill with the broth and put them back in the freezer.

Cut watermelon or cantaloupe into bit-size piece. Freeze at least 4 hours on a cookie sheet. Place in a blender with ¼ cup of plain, unsweetened yogurt per 2 cups of fruit. Serve right away. Why not top your dog's dinner with this special treat?

You can also make bullsicles. Slice bananas and freeze for several hours. Mix the fruit with a few spoonfuls of plain yogurt in a blender until the contents is the consistency of a milkshake. Blend in other goodies, such as bacon bits, frozen strawberries or blueberries, or pumpkin puree. Fill popsicle molds using a bone-shaped dog biscuit as the stick.

Bullies typically love peanut butter. Use the unsalted, no-sugar-added varieties and add to frozen dog treats. Mix it with a small amount of plain yogurt and fruit, such as mashed bananas and add to your frozen treat.

Peanut butter can also be layered in the bottom half of ice cube trays, then topped off with yogurt or meat broth and frozen.

A couple of caveats

Unless your Bullie is lactose intolerant, plain yogurt is safe for them to eat and much better tolerated than ice cream. The bacterial cultures in yogurt are good for their digestive system.

Make sure to carefully read the labels of foods such as yogurt and peanut butter to make sure that they do not contain Xylitol, which is toxic to dogs. More on Xylitol in a future column.

I hope you'll try preparing some of these special treats for your Bullie. It's just one more way we can tell them how much we love them.

Judee Shuler, Kende Bulldogs

Time to Form a Nominating Committee for Officers for 2021

During the month of September the Board shall elect a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting to be held on or before October 1.



<https://bulldognationals.org/>

Directions to Oak Ridge Kennel Club Training Facility

1790 Oak Ridge Turnpike (Hwy 95) 2 blocks west of the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Oak Ridge Hwy.

Training Facility is part of the former National Guard Armory property on Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Turn at the sign for Girls, Inc,

Turn right at the bottom of the drive and drive behind the Armory building adjacent to Girls, Inc.

The property is directly behind the old armory.