## Vrinkle Time December 2007

## **Upcoming Gathering Date:**

Date: January 13th, 2008 Time: 1 pm Location: Pet Supplies Plus



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Both the Eden Prairie Center and the Burnsville Mall allow you to bring your dog to see Santa. Eden Prairie Center is every Tuesday from 6-8 and Burnsville Mall is every Thursday from 6-8. We took Sherman this past Tuesday and he of course had a blast. I'm sure other malls are doing the same thing but those are the two I'm aware of.

--Thanks for the submission Gus!

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Awwww, life doesn't get any better then this. Imagine how good life could be if we all took naps in the sun. Chair \$\$\$, throw \$\$, seeing a happy bully priceless. If you want the best seat in the house you need to move the dog. Good luck. I hope I can tan my belly as much as my back so I don't look weird in my swimsuit. I love the smell of Fabreeze, I could roll in this stuff all day. It won't be long before this chair is brindle color instead of cream. I'm done fighting gravity. Now, THIS is a kennel. Thanksgiving sure takes it out of a person. Now if only someone would scratch my belly, I would be a happy buller! This is the life! This is my place to sleep. Its the new line of recliners- the Lazy-bull-dog. I wish I was a bulldog. I'm waiting for my massage. This is my good side. It's another Tequila sunrise..... And they call bulldogs short and stocky! MINE, its all MINE! Too....much....turkey.... Where's the pepto?



http://www.helpingudders.com/ Part of your purchase on this site goes to BCARN (National bulldog rescue.) When you check out designate that BCARN

benefit from your purchase.



How to wrap presents, with dogs:

- 1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor.
- 2. Get tape back from puppy.
- 3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth.
- 4. Open box.
- 5. Take puppy out of box.
- 6. Remove tape from older dog's mouth.
- 7. Take scissors away from puppy.
- 8. Put present in box.
- 9. Remove present from puppy's mouth.
- 10. Put back in box after removing puppy from box.
- 11. Take scissors from older dog and sit on them.
- Remove puppy from box and put on lid.
  Take tape away from older dog.
- 14. Unroll paper.
- 15. Take puppy OFF box.

16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in the way as he "helps."

- 17. Let puppy tear remaining paper.
- 18. Take puppy off box.
- 19. Wrap paper around box.
- 20. Remove puppy from box & take wrapping paper from its mouth. 21. Tell older dog to fetch the tape so he will stop stealing it.
- 22. Take scissors away from puppy.23. Take tape older dog is holding.

24. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog & sitting on them again.

- 25. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape & tape another spot.
- 26. Take bow from older dog.
- 27. Go get roll of wrapping paper puppy ran off with. 28. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
- 29. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face.
- 30. Remove puppy from present & hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on.
- 31. Take now soggy bow from puppy & tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks.
- 32. Take pen from older dog, address tag & affix while puppy tries to eat pen.
- 33. Grab present before puppy opens it & put it away.

34. Clean up mess puppy & older dog made playing tug-of-war with remnants of wrapping paper.

35. Put away rest of wrapping supplies & tell dogs what good helpers they are.





Katie, Winsor, Butch and Bob Send your captions for the next newsletter!



Good news...both Brewster and Lizzie have found good homes with families that are committed to working things out. Here is Lizzie (on the right) with her new sister, Lola.



This is what her new dad had to say about Lizzie. "Lizzy is doing great. Her and Lola are good buddies now that Lizzy is the boss. They follow each other around the house it's like they are connected by the hip. Lizzy seems to have settled in really well. She is such a sweetheart, we are so glad to have her as part of our family. She goes outside to potty without any issues, if she needs to go out she'll let you know. We love her very much she is such a little lover. She likes to lay on the couch with me and give me lots of kisses. Lizzy really likes it when I'm working at night sometimes she'll sleep with my wife, Marcia and Lola in the bed but unlike Lola she likes to sleep under the covers on my side of the bed. She's a nut!. Without people like you and the Bulldog rescue we would have never found Lizzy. Thanks again for your time, and for letting Lizzy come home with us, Ben"

Brewster is also adjusting to sharing his home with another Bullie. They both think the couch belongs to them alone, so that is something his new family is still working on with Brewster. Brewsters sister is also a rescue



Bullie with a similar story. It is great that his new mom and dad had room in their hearts and home for not just one rescue Bullie, but two!

New to rescue is Roxy.

Roxy is five ½ years old and generally very well behaved. She came into rescue because her owner got married and they recently had a baby. His new wife is not a dog person and was worried that Roxy could hurt the baby now that it is starting to crawl. Roxy likes kids, but she does have moments when she resists authority. We are working on that while she is in foster care and she has gotten much better. Roxys former owner used to play "rough" active games with her like tug-o-war and she learned that by playing rough and tough and growling that

sometimes she got her own way. Because Bulldogs are tenacious and "play to win", these kinds of games can sometimes cause problems if the owner is not careful to make sure that they are the boss of the situation. Roxy will need an owner who is not easily intimidated by her. She needs someone who will call her bluff and not let her run the show. Once Roxy learns she has to behave herself, she is a great girl. She has even learned to get along with another dog. Something her former owner said she was not good at. Just goes to show that maybe you can teach an "old dog" new tricks!

Roxy illustrates how easy it can be for a dog to acquire behavioral problems. Even though many behavioral issues are often created by improper training methods or lack of proper discipline, Roxy is also a good example of how well a dog can be rehabilitated if one is willing to work with them.

Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue has a new fundraiser. Not only will it raise money for rescue dogs, it will make your own dog happy too! For every \$10 donated a person can pick out a crate pad of their choosing. There is no limit



on how many crate pads a person can receive. The offer is good until supplies last. The approximate size of the crate pads is about 29 x 35. The crate pads have quilt batting inside for comfort and are machine washable. Marcia will be donating her time to sew up these lovely crate pads. They wash up nicely and hold up well. Be sure to check them out at the next Wrinkle Time!



The holidays can be stressful enough without adding an emergency for our 4 legged family members. The following is a small list of common things to keep your eye out for and keep out of reach.

**Christmas Trees**- contain oils that can cause a range of symptoms from mild irritation of the mouth to vomiting, and diarrhea. They can also be treated with preservatives that contain fertilizers, the preservatives commonly contain sugar which will attract your dog to them.

**Holly, Mistletoe, Poinsettia-** symptoms range from vomiting and diarrhea to heart arrhythmias, difficult breathing, central nervous system depression, seizures, or coma. Poinsettias causing the least severe symptoms.

**Christmas Cactus-** may cause sever depression, abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea if ingested. **Batteries-** Contain a corrosive fluid that causes sever ulcers of the mucous membranes. Intact batteries can cause blockages in the intestinal tract.

**Decorations-** more likely to cause a foreign body than be toxic EXCEPT homemade ornaments that are made of play dough, they contain high levels of salt and have been reported in cases of salt poisoning.

**Potpourri/Scented oils-** can cause sever burns of the mouth and esophagus. Oils can affect the nervous system with symptoms such as weakness incoordination and hypotension.

**Chocolate-** Dark chocolate and cocoas are more toxic than milk chocolate but all are potentially deadly in large enough quantities. Symptoms range from hyperactivity, seizures, vomiting, diarrhea, and heart arrhythmias. The high amounts of fat can cause pancreatitis in some animals.

Coffee and espresso- can cause sever heart acceleration and seizures.

**Macadamia nuts-** can cause increased body temp. muscle stiffness, increased heart rate, and tremors. **Alcohol-** dogs seem to be attracted to alcoholic drinks so DO NOT leave drinks unattended.

Remember how much alcohol it takes to intoxicate you and how much smaller your dog is! Grapes and Raisins- where some dogs do just fine eating these items SOME do not. There have been a few reported cases of kidney failure that have been linked to them.

**Turkey and Bones-** If your dog doesn't normally get table scraps please don't start now it can cause diarrhea and/or pancreatitis. Bones are an excellent way to entertain your dog while you have company over just make sure they are **RAW**. **RAW** bones are digestible. Cooked bones can splinter and cause problems.

**THE GIFTS!-** Alcohol, perfumes, small toys, chocolate, nuts, etc. Even if your dog doesn't normally get into things there is a lot of temptations this time of year a lot of which we put on the floor in their reach.

Hope everyone and the furry friends have a GREAT Holiday season! -- Dana Huntington



Where and in what do you keep treats? Send your answers for January's newsletter.



I grew up in the small town of Manning, Iowa, population ~1800 at that time, home of the Manning Bulldogs.

Over the years, the farming population no longer needed 10 children per family to handle the farming operations, and the number of school-age children dwindled. During this school year, Manning will share some of their school activities with their arch rival, the Manilla Hawks (who have already consolidated with 2 smaller schools to form IKM). SO this was the last football season of the Manning Bulldogs, who have in recent years won state for their school size. The red & black Manning Bulldogs will combine with the green & white Manilla Hawks to make the green and black Wolves. :-(

So, in recent trips to visit my parents in Manning, I've taken advantage of the photo opportunities:

The school fence-line before the last Manning vrs. Manilla football game--->



Andy with a neighbor's Bulldog signs & with the school Bulldog sign:

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There is now one resident Manning Bulldog, but previously, I think the only Bulldog who lived there was my Casey in 1976, who was pegged to ride with the cheerleaders in the Homecoming parade, at the age of ~4 months:



They will always be the Manning Bulldogs to me! Anne and Andy





Everywhere! The couch, the bathroom floor, my office, ...

One of our bulldogs sleeps in our bed with us. The rest sleep in their kennels.

My mom's bulldog has a laundry basket she's claimed as her own!

Booko was being a good boy by sleeping on HIS bed on the floor, now that it is getting colder....yup now he thinks our bed is his bed...good thing its a king!! :)

Norton sleeps in bed between us. We gave him his own pillow so he doesn't use us as his pillow. It works half the time. He is suppose to sleep down by our feet but when he gets cold he sneaks up as close as he can get to our faces, sometimes sharing our pillow.

My bulldog, Clover Anne, sleeps wrapped around my husbands head on his pillow.

Bob loves to sleep under my antique Four Poster Brass Bed with just his nose sticking out at the end by my feet. Sometime in the middle of the night I hear him crawling up the steps, then he comes up by my face and stares at me until I pet him, then he goes down to my feet ( where Butch is) curls up next to him and goes back to sleep. During the day he likes to nap next to the garage door so I'm always thinking he needs to go out!

In the living room in her kennel, that's were she wants to sleep. I'd prefer my bedroom because I like snoring but she says no way.

In a crate with bedding.

At night in a dog bed on the floor by my bed. During the day, she sleeps in a few different beds scattered around, but mostly in the family room.

Everywhere. We are discussing a bulldog after all.

Gertrude used to sleep in the bed with me. She moved to a large cushy bed on the floor when I added a tall, two-legged, bearded breed to the mix. She was less than thrilled with the new sleeping arrangements, but adores the fact that the new creature drops way more food on the floor.

Kona sleeps in bed with us... and she is a pillow hog! :)

Atlas has his own bed in our bedroom but if he gets to warm he will sleep on the carpet or nearby un-carpeted floor. Best case scenario for him is to sleep on our bed.

My Bulldogs (2 bullies and 1 Frenchie) sleep in bed with me. While this can sometimes get a bit crowded I think it creates a much deeper bond with my dogs. Sometimes, however, Lily has to sleep on the floor because she is being a snot and growling when I move her. Since it is my bed she has to move.

He sleeps on the bed....in between the two of us.

Andy likes to sleep any place where there's somewhere to prop his head: on the arm rest of the car door, on my ankle or thigh, on a toy or ball, door sill, chair rung or chair with arms.





Many years ago, I had a problem with my rear car windows going down. I asked the dealer to check it out when the car was in for something else. He called me and said that some child had spilled pop on the window buttons -- he had cleaned them up, so they were now working. I told him that there had been no children drinking anything in the back seat of my car. He insisted that there had been something sticky on the button. I thought a minute. "Oh", I said, my BULLDOG rests his head on the arm rest (where the Up/Down button is located). I guess he was drooling." So, ALL my Bulldogs have rested their heads on the car arm rest.



The dogs at Pantheon Zoo wanted to let you know their daddy, Chris has a birthday on Dec 2nd. Happy Birthday Daddy.

Agnes, also known as Exact Fatboy's Baby Girl, came to live with me in July. Her daddy is Am. & Can. Ch. Staley's Fatboy Jake. She comes from Exact English Bulldogs of Indiana. --Judy





www.flyingdogpress.com/sayhishort.html

This is an EXCELLENT article on one of the aspects of dog behavior, proper dog greeting, and the misunderstood "agression." I cannot reprint it here but I can give you the link for you to check it out so PLEASE take the time. It will benefit you and your furry friends.

Thanks to Dana for sending this submission.

What do Jennifer Love Hewitt, Nathan Lane, Patricia Arquette and Kelly Ripa have in common? They all support Puppy Mill Action Week!

Visit the web site, http://www.stoppuppymills.org/ to:

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