



Wrinkle Time

October 2007

Upcoming Gathering Date:

Date: October 21st **HALLOWEEN PARTY!**

Time: 1 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus

See details on page 3.



bdays and brags!

BIRTHDAYS

All the bullies in the Max's house do it in 1 month - Olivia is 3 on October 17, Elviria is 1 on October 23 and Winsor is 7 on October 28. We must like having puppies in October.

BRAGS

Kalligher Bulldogs had a litter out of their girl, Cherokee Legend White Feather and Reingold's champion, CH Reingold Aristocrat. They had 6 beautiful puppies, 3 boys and 3 girls.

CH Easy Ed's Olivia RN, CGC,TDI

Olivia has been a very busy girl this summer. Olivia became a Champion at Bismarck Kennel Club on August 4. She went on to achieve her Rally Novice title on September 21 and on September 22 she received her CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and TDI (Therapy Dogs International) certificates.

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No Bull. Just fun

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This is me being a frog. But you did not need to step on my tongue.

You Got my Tong!

Ow! Ow! Ow! Now if he would just get off my tongue.

And I thought the expression was Cat's got your tongue. This is certainly new.

Yes, bow before your Emperor!

Heh! Yoll teppin on my ton!

You'll make a great frog for halloween, your tongue is the right size.

One doctor that doesn't need a tongue depressor.

You are right, your paws do taste like lemons.

If I can pull it out a little more I might be able to tie a knot.

Okay, I've got you where I want you. Now let's talk.

I promise not to tell if you let go of my tongue!

I don't think this is what the judge meant by a "gag" order.

6", 7", 8", almost 9!

I think I can see China!

halloween party

Costume contest! We will have the following awards:

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

Cutest costume

Scariest costume

Most original

Funniest costume



We will have a great silent auction providing fundraising for MN Bulldog Rescue. Prior to our costume contest we are going to do a couple games and eat, of course!

Bring a treat to pass and your bully friend's costume!

Karen needs another person to help emcee the costume contest (you can have a dog entered).

what is rally?

There is a new AKC sport that many of our bulldog owners may be interested in. The new sport is Rally.

Rally offers both the dog and its owner the fun and companionship we so enjoy with our bullies. Rally consists of dog and handler executing a course that an AKC judge designs. The course includes between 10-20 signs which include various obedience exercises. The canine team moves along happily at its own pace with a loose lead. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together as a team. The signs may be color and they include descriptions as well as directional arrows of exercises. Signs are numbered to make it easy to find the next station when navigating the course. All dogs and handlers begin with a perfect 100. A dog and handler team is awarded a qualifying score if it retains at least 70 points after the course has been completed. The beginning title is Rally Novice. To get the RN title the team must have 3 qualifying scores from 3 different AKC judges. There are 3 other rally titles that the team may pursue if so desired.

For more information on this fun new sport you may contact AKC Customer Service. The phone is 919-233-9767 or Orderdesk@akc.org in inquire about rally information.

From a personal standpoint, I have found Rally to be a sport that bulldogs and their owners can really enjoy. Rally is more geared to the average pet owner than the traditional obedience.

Olivia and I got 2 of our qualifying scores at the St. Croix Valley dog show and on September 21 Olivia and I achieved our Rally Novice title. Now we will continue to work toward our next title.

--Sheryll Maxx

Thanks Sheryll! And congrats!

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you write the caption



Send your captions for the next newsletter!

(thanks Kate and Rita)



Olivia. Want to see who took such a great picture? Check out "look what I found" for this month on page 9.

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good deeds

Good news! Ollie is adjusting very well to his new life. He now lives with two little Pug “sisters” and a family that thinks he is just wonderful. Ollie gets plenty of attention now because we were able to find him a home that we felt closely matched his needs. Here is what Ollie’s new family had to say about him. “Ollie is doing great! He has quite the personality. He still hasn’t figured out that he’s 50 lbs. and isn’t a lap-dog. Ollie is getting along just fine and is liking his new pug sisters! Thanks again for setting us up with Ollie!!!”

Fortunately for the Bulldogs that come into a BCARN-affiliated rescue program, the BCARN has a unique database that allows rescue groups access to applications all over the country. This database allows rescue workers to review many applications according to different search criteria. This helps us find the best home for each dog. Not all BCARN workers have access to the application database however. This is a privilege that has to be applied for separately and requires a signed agreement to keep the applicants’ personal information confidential. The great thing about the BCARN database is that rescue groups can screen potential homes much faster. The database has search options that make the process fairly efficient. We can check homes in specific states for things such as: no cats, no dogs, home ownership, family member home in the daytime, will accept a dog with special needs, etc, etc. Being able to search for specific conditions in the homes allows us to do a better job of matching a home for each Bullie to best meet its own particular needs. This increases the odds that we have found what we hope will be its “forever home”.

Last month we told you about Suzi, the Bulldog found roaming the fields of Iowa. Although our intent was to go to Iowa and rehome her, that did not happen as planned. The woman who had found her wandering near her home had posted a notice about Suzi at her place of employment before she contacted us. A co-worker read about Suzi and went to the shelter to see if she could adopt her directly from them. A shelter worker apparently was unaware that Suzi had been put on a seven day “hold” and was to be released to our rescue group. The shelter placed Suzi, but neglected to notify us of that decision. We found out when we called to confirm our appointment to pick up Suzi. The good news is that it appears Suzi found a good home and hopefully her days of wandering around Iowa farm fields are history.

We mentioned in the last edition that Sandy Graff is a new BCARN member here in Minnesota. Sandy has decided to remain independent of Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue and her primary focus with rescue will be Northern Minnesota as her home is in Duluth. We wish Sandy the best and look forward to coordinating our efforts so that all dogs needing homes in Minnesota will find them.

Just a reminder, Love-a-Bull Rescue will be having a silent auction fundraiser at the October Wrinkle Time. Please be sure to check out the auction and bid generously.



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poll answers

Answers to:

What is your bully afraid of? And what have you done to try to make him/her feel better about it?

Garbage bags snapping open, balloons with helium floating in the air, the vacuum cleaner, the dustbuster

Our Bulldog, Graham was afraid of clapping at training class and he would blink and flinch in time to the claps...not a good thing for a show dog! So I started clapping at home to desensitize him to the sound. I would also clap and talk to him in upbeat voice and then give him a treat so that he would associate the sound with something positive. Eventually, he got used to the sound and he was fine.

Gert was once inexplicably afraid of camouflage pants. Would growl insanely at them. Ended up just getting rid of man who owned them :)

Atlas is a chicken: Grocery Bags (runs away), snapping open a plastic bag (runs away), the lawn mower (he chases it barking at it), snow shovels (barks at them), tape measures (barks at them), getting a bath (sits in the tub and quivers), if you come at him too fast from above he ducks like you're going to wail on him (which we don't). Honestly, we've tried certain things but usually tell him to shut up. Dog has a clear pack structure, so we're chalking up most of this to personality. He's always been very mold-able for a bullie.

Maybull is afraid of many things, but what makes her a weird bulldog is that these things change. Her strangest fear is of something in the middle of our small back yard. She avoids the center of the back yard, even when nothing is there. We don't know what to do to help, since there is nothing we can see. She used to be afraid of brooms and paper bags, but she has overcome those fears. She used to be afraid of the vacuum cleaner, but we now have a Dyson, although she doesn't like it in the same room, she is much less afraid. She is not afraid of thunderstorms or loud sounds that happen outside.

Oscar is completely afraid of the ironing board. I have no idea why, maybe because it makes a loud squeaky noise when it unfolds. We haven't done anything to try to help at this point.

I think the only thing Adele really doesn't like is a spray bottle. And I'm embarrassed to report I haven't done anything to discourage her of that because it comes in handy sometimes.

Sherman is afraid of the windshield wipers. He goes crazy in the car if they are on. So we now make sure that we travel with a blanket and if it starts to rain, we cover the crate with a blanket so he can't see the windshield wipers going.

Booko is deathly afraid of the vacuum cleaner, hilarious actually, but I have to put him in the bedroom to vacuum the house.

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poll answers

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Andy is afraid of, or at least HATES the thought of:

Hammers: if he sees one, especially if it's in someone's hand, he goes ballistic barking at it, in a much more intense way than just his usual excited barking. I think he hates the noise that it can create when used.

Fishing poles: same response as above. I cannot begin to explain this one.

Once a year, at the lake, on the pontoon or people walking by the cabin porch. The same people can walk by the porch (people's heads are at the porch floor level, so Andy's eyes are at the people's head level) without fishing poles and he gets his wiggle butt going, but if they walk by again 10 minutes later with fishing poles in their hands, he just goes ballistic barking at the poles. One night in the pontoon, we had to try to keep him in the front of the boat facing forward, because people were fishing off the back of the boat. Next night, no fishing poles in the boat, he laid down on the life jackets and went to sleep. ????

Me getting into the shower: if I put on the shower cap, or head near the showers without clothes on, or start the shower water running, or sometimes start the bathroom fan, Andy will start the same barking as described above. He tries to get between me and the shower so I can't get in. I've tried speaking to him calmly to deal with him before I get in. I've tried showing him the shower first, drawing the curtain or door back. Yes, I also shouted back in response to the barking which is quite LOUD and intense in a room the size of a bathroom. I've tried gating him in the other end of the house before I start the shower (he just barks from there). I've tried leaving him in my bedroom with the TV on loud and closing that bedroom door when showering in the bathroom down the hall.

The only way showering is a calm experience for me, is if I do it after letting Andy outside.

They are afraid of power tools and vacuum cleaners. We have tried every thing and they are still afraid of them. We have tried leaving them in the room so they can be close to them when they are not turned on. We tried talking to the tools and showing them they won't hurt you. If there are some new ideas I would really like to hear about it. I just gave up as the older dogs teach the younger ones to be afraid. It seems its just a bulldog thing.

My Lily is afraid of change. If I move the furniture around she will not come in the room. It takes her a few days to get used to any changes in her routine. I try not to change too much. She is also afraid of loud noises. So I keep her away from places where there may be loud things.

My little newbie Agnes does not seem to be afraid of anything. In fact she just had eye surgery and has a cone head but it has not slowed her down at all. She's the scary thing for my other dogs right now!





our own skateboarder!

The weather has finally cooled off and after about a month and a half of no training, we were able to get back out and do a little skateboarding. Sherman of course was a pro and didn't skip a beat with the time away from boarding. He loves to coast on the skateboard, but we still need to work on pushing it when it stops rolling on its own. Here are a couple pictures that I thought you might enjoy.

-Gus & Sherman



in sympathy

CH Easy Ed's Edith Ann went to be with her sister Boops and best friend Bentley on Sept. 18, 2007. We had almost 12 wonderful years together. Edith Ann was my first champion bulldog. Edith was my cherished friend and companion and I will hold her memories in my heart always.

--Sheryll



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Your photo



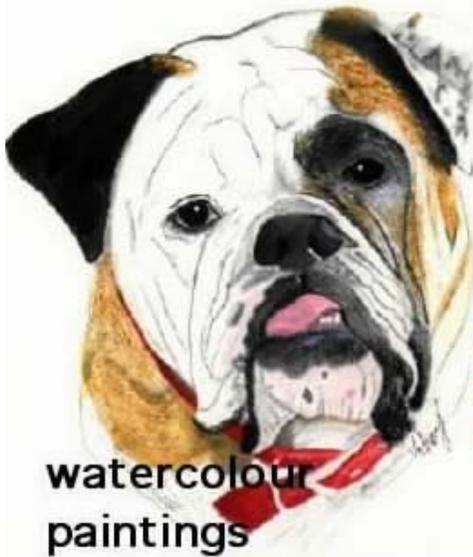
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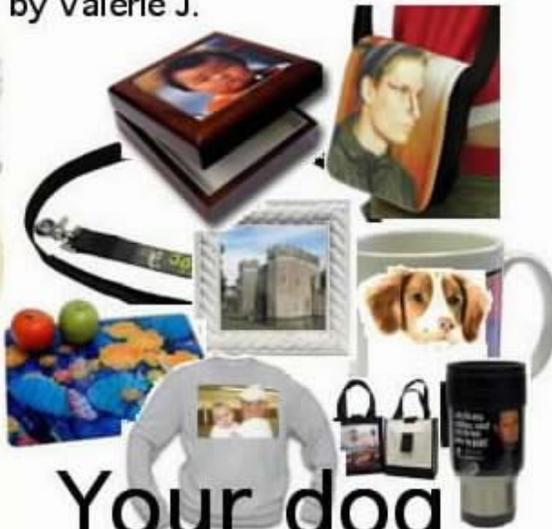
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