



WRINKLE TIME

July 2008

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

Date: July 20th

Time: 1:00 pm

Pet Supplies Plus, 1800 County Road 42, Burnsville, MN

Date: Sept. 28th

Time: 1:00 pm

Pet Supplies Plus, 1800 County Road 42, Burnsville, MN

Date: Nov. 2nd (Halloween Party)

Time: 1:00 pm

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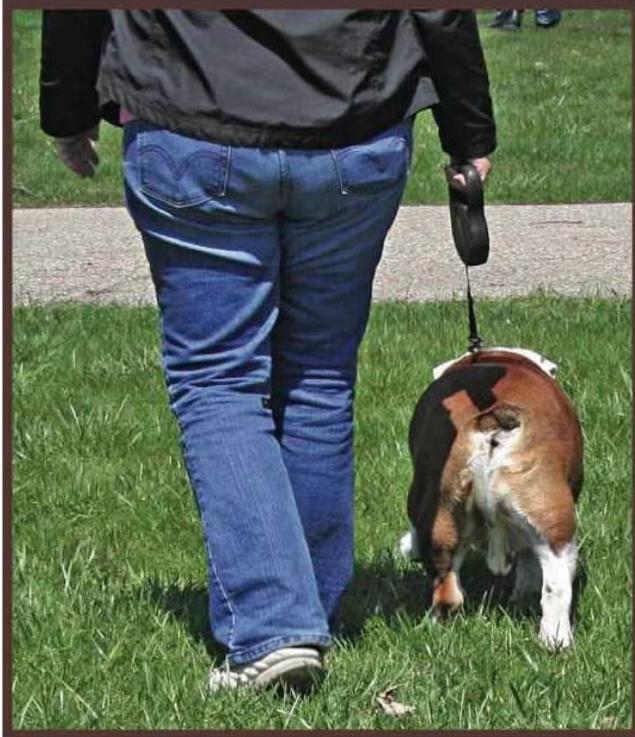
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YOU WROTE THE CAPTION



STAFF PHOTOS BY RUTH ANNE MADDOX

The end...

**It's Robin
& Dozer!**

Guesses
Don't know!
Not sure.

Captions:

Dozer says "This IS my best side"

Hey, what are you doing with the camera?

Are we there yet?

*sses. Can't live with'em, Can't live without'em!

No ifs, ands or butts, that was a good picnic!

All good things must come to an end.

Just me and my dog

At least we don't have to smile for this photo.

Sorry Mom...I just don't like tunnels.

A whole, new meaning to the word "Wrinkle"

Who has the most wrinkles here??

YOU WRITE THE CAPTION



**You write the caption. Send your caption to Karen at
karen@pantheonbulldogs.com**

TAKING A POLL

What do you use to keep your bully friend's tear stains away? Send your answers to karen@pantheonbulldogs.com for the next newsletter.

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GOOD DEEDS

Good news to report...there are no dogs currently in rescue as of this writing. Spoonie has been adopted and his new owner said that things are going great. Mabel's owners decided to try to work with her and decided to keep her instead of turning her into rescue.

Please read the inspiring story of a rescue dog turned service dog that was originally published in the "Rally to Rescue" magazine (last 2 pages of newsletter). I came across his story while thumbing through the magazine at our vet's office and thought I'd pass it along for others to read. It just goes to show what a little patience and perseverance can accomplish. --Rita Guthmiller, Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue



SHOW ME

If you care to see an upcoming dog show here are the upcoming events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 11-13	Duluth, MN
August 2-3	LaCrosse, WI
August 9-10	Albert Lea, MN
August 23-24	Lake Elmo, MN

www.onofrio.com

If you are having trouble navigating the site or finding the ring times, etc. let me know and I'll help if I can.

BDAYS N BRAGS

Drew turns 3 on July 7th. -Karen and Chris
Mimi le Duex (Branham) turns the big #1 on June 29th. -Tom

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TAKING A POLL

The question was... Have you ever taken your dog to work?

Ozzie is at work with me every day, since I work out of my home as a day care provider. He greets everyone when they arrive and when they leave and he immediately goes down stairs to spend the day with the children. He is an awesome helper with the kids, and oh so patient with them. :-)

I also took another one of my dogs to work, when I worked at the University of Minnesota. His name was Bosco and he was a toy poodle, he came to work with me everyday. One day when we arrive at work there was a PETA poster on my lab door (I worked in General Biology); I think they thought I was torturing animals in my lab, since Bosco would sometimes bark when he heard noises around the lab. If they only new how spoiled that dog was ! :-) I was lucky enough to have a boss who also brought in his English Setters to work... -Melissa

Yes, I have taken both Chester and Petunia to work with me. They'd hang out under my desk until we left for their clinic appointment. Once I had to go in at night, Chester and his crate went with me. But he spent more time running around the warehouse playing with my co-workers than in the crate. -Marcia

EVERYDAY, I take at least 2 dogs with me! I have taken up to 5 at a time with! -Dana

Yes, I have brought Norton in to work, it has been a while though. He likes to lay in the middle of the room so he can keep an eye on everyone. -Nancy

I have Booko laying next to me at my desk right now. He comes to work with me often. -Sarah

I work from the basement, but generally do not bring all 3 bullies down with me at the same time. You can count on my Mimi to be at my feet most of the day. -

Tom

Sherman gets to "go to work" everyday with Chris since he tele-commutes. Chris will stand on the top of the basement stairs with Sherman waiting patiently for Chris to say "go to work." Once Chris says the magic words, Sherman runs down stairs and stand on his dog bed waiting for the work treats. -Gus



ICKY TICKY

Tick Removal

According to the AKC's website at www.akc.org, using petroleum jelly, alcohol, any other topical ointment or remedy and burning the tick is not useful.

Quick removal is the key. Just grab the tick body as close as possible to the dog's skin and pull it straight out. If you are afraid you are going to leave the teeth or other parts of the tick behind don't worry. According to the AKC, the dog's immune system will fight back and form a small bump of granulation tissue around the tick mouth parts to protect it from infecting the rest of the dog.

If you suspect your dog has Lyme, even if you didn't see a tick, insist upon proper testing by your veterinarian.



MICROCHIPS AND CANCER

Do Microchips Cause Cancer?

Dana Huntington Veterinary Technician

NO! In the early 1990's there were many articles published saying microchips cause cancer. In the last 10 years, no evidence has been found that in any way demonstrates the existence of a correlation between microchip implantation and incidence of cancer in cats and dogs. Anytime we put a foreign object or substance into the body it causes inflammation.

As a vet tech we receive calls daily that someone's dog or cat is missing, statistics say that 1 in 4 animals will become lost and without microchips many would never find their way home. If someone is afraid of a microchip causing cancer they should realize that many people vaccinate their animals regularly, vaccines have been known to cause cancer. The benefit of a microchip should much outweighs the risks.

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RALLY TO RESCUE

The next 2 pages are a reprint of a great article Rita found in a publication called Rally to Rescue. Visit their site at <http://www.rallytorescue.org> This is reprinted in its entirety with permission from Rally to Rescue. This was in Volume 4, Issue 1.



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'Diesel'

DELIVERS

Service

When a not-yet 1-year-old Bulldog became the first of his breed to become a certified service dog, ripples of disbelief could be heard coming from training schools for service dogs. Never before had a Bulldog proved his ability to help someone in need.

"Diesel" is not only capable of retrieving out-of-reach items and bringing his owner the telephone, he also is a rescued Bulldog. Diesel's original owner returned him to the breeder at 3 ½ months of age because the dog suffered from unilateral cryptorchidism, a health condition causing undescended testicles and infertility. The breeder was hoping to find a home to place the dog.

Along came Rebecca Burlage, who adopted Diesel two years ago. Wheelchair-bound and on oxygen after her left leg was amputated from a severe burn accident, Burlage of Mineral, Va., needed a dog to be her companion and help her reach things. Little did she know how deeply she would come to depend on the Bulldog and how he would help her to believe in herself.

"It was the worst time of my life to take on a puppy," she reflects. "I was out on my own, caring for my mother who was sick, and I wasn't in good medical condition. The breeder told me the puppy had such energy that he needed a job. After thinking about it, I thought that Diesel could be my service dog."

When Burlage took Diesel to the veterinarian she learned that he had additional



"Diesel," who is now 2 years old, became the first Bulldog to receive service dog certification when he was 11 months old.

health problems. "Diesel was diagnosed with a spinal deformity that causes abnormal functioning from the waist down," she says. "His nerve responses were not normal. When they pinched him, he did not consistently show a response. Sometimes his legs would give out or he would drag his legs."

The deformity was potentially so severe that the veterinarian could not guarantee that Diesel would continue to be able to walk normally. Diesel's dynamic personality warmed Burlage over. She decided that if

he would one day need a wheelchair, he would likely have so much enthusiasm he would buzz up and down the halls.

Since Diesel did not show signs of failing health or impaired walking, Burlage began calling service dog training schools to enroll him. None would accept a Bulldog in their classes.

"Everyone told me that I could never train a Bulldog to jump up and turn on a light switch, but I didn't need that," says Burlage.

Defying the advice she received from experts, Burlage began training Diesel on her own. She used a technique called "capturing" to teach him to repeat desired behaviors. Diesel learned that when he picked things up for Burlage, he got a treat. Burlage filled her purse with treats to reward him, and Diesel quickly learned the meaning of "pick it up."

Diesel learned to walk beside Burlage in the wheelchair, how to ride in elevators, and how to open service doors. Burlage had a vest made for him and attached a basket to her wheelchair to hold him when he was a puppy until his legs grew stronger. Diesel went everywhere with Burlage that dogs are allowed, and she enrolled him in obedience classes and day care.

A Close Call

When Diesel was 7 months old, his skills were tested when Burlage fell out of her wheelchair and broke her hip. She tried reaching for the phone to call for help, but the phone fell behind the table.



Rebecca Burlage gave Diesel a chance when he was a puppy, and he saved her life when she had a life-threatening fall and broke her hip. Inset: Rebecca and Diesel get around in her motorized wheelchair.

Frightened that no one would find her until hours later, Burlage began to cry.

Diesel got out of his bed and came to her side to console her. Sensing that something was wrong, Diesel retrieved the phone from behind the table and brought it to Burlage so she could call for help.

After arriving at the hospital, Burlage learned that her hip had shattered and a piece had struck a major blood vessel, causing her to bleed internally. Had it not been for her faithful companion, Burlage could have died.

"He really saved my life," she says. "It was just amazing. It was such a feeling of relief when he came and brought me the phone. It was also a shock since

he was not trained and I had not asked him to bring me the phone. It was like he just knew what had to be done."

A few months later, Burlage and Diesel were staying at a hotel. They had gone downstairs one morning for breakfast. "When I went through the buffet line I had to drop Diesel's leash so I could use both hands," she says. "He stayed right next to me. At the table, he laid quietly next to me. I dropped my spoon, and he picked it up before I could even ask him to retrieve it. I knew it was time to try and certify Diesel as a service dog."

Researching the requirements for service dog certification, Burlage learned that she needed recommendations from two

professionals. Diesel's veterinarian and Burlage's rehabilitation physician both certified that Diesel was well-behaved and able to do the tasks that Burlage needed: He could pick things up off the floor, bring her the phone when it rang, and retrieve shoes from another room.

At 11 months of age, Diesel became a certified service dog. More recently, Diesel became a member of the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners, a worldwide service dog association. Since becoming certified, Diesel has received several notable honors. The American Kennel Club bestowed an honorable mention on Diesel at its 2007 Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE); Diesel was the youngest dog ever to receive an award. The AKC also recently made Burlage and Diesel part of its Canine Ambassador program, which allows them to visit schools to educate children about purebred dogs.

Along those lines, Burlage and Diesel plan to visit a school in Cincinnati this spring to introduce "Success Comes in Cans," a motivational program Burlage developed to help learning disabled and disadvantaged children.

The Bulldog Club of America presented Diesel with a hero's medal for saving Burlage's life. The BCA also presented Diesel with an award honoring him as the first Bulldog in America to become a certified service dog. Diesel and Burlage have been recognized at dog shows and numerous events since then, including the grocery store where Burlage buys Purina® Pro Plan® brand Selects® Natural Turkey & Barley Formula for Diesel.

Everywhere they go, the pair draws a crowd as people gather to see the amazing Bulldog full of excitement and so willing to please. "I now carry around wallet-sized photos of Diesel because everyone wants a picture," says Burlage. "He's my little celebrity, and I wouldn't have it any other way. It's the least I can do for what he has done for me." ♦