Vrinkle Time March 2008

Upcoming Gathering Date:

Date: March 9, 2008 Time: 1 pm Location: Pet Supplies Plus

Date: May 4, 2008 Time: To Be Determined Location: Shakopee Memorial Park Picnic in the Park!



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Be honest, did the facial help? Privacy please, I want some privacy. Does this dress make me look fat? Stop, you are making me blush. Now can I have my treaty! Casper the friendly ghost These spa days are heavenly! This is a funny looking wig! ET phone home! ET phone home. Don't hate me because I'm beautiful Yes, Obi One, Pink Kobi will obey! Rub a Dub Dub, I'm out of the tub. Prototype for Soap-on-a-Rope. ET come home!

Oh good, Wrinkle Time is this weekend! I'm ready for my close up Mr. Deville. Who needs a baby when you got cute and cuddly little ol' me?! Pearl says, "The best thing about baths is the warm towels afterward." Ah... a day at the spa. Pink is really my color. Do you really think these hot towels will make my butt smaller? There's nothing like a soak in the tub after a long hard day on the sofa. But why can't my friends come over and play in the tub? I don't care what the directions say will these highlights really look good on me? Did you light the candles and get my favorite treats? I know what you're up to - your taking me to Grandma's tomorrow! There's nothing like a good nap after a soak in the tub. But the mud puddle was just there, I had to walk through it. Yoda, I am. May the force be with you. I hate it when she dresses me up for Easter. Now all I need is the ears and my transformation is complete, Easter Bunny Extrodinaire. Hey, are you telling me you look any better in the morning? Don't I look great in blue? (well you know dogs are color blind) They promised that this herb wrap would help me shed 10 lb. Do you think it's working? Yes, daahhling. Now Zsa Zsa needs you to warm up zat blow dry-ah, Okay? With a winter like this, you have to do something to keep warm. ALL OF THIS BECAUSE I GOT INTO A LITTLE MUD? The force is strong in you young Skywalker. Remember South Pacific? " I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair..I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair.

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Chris (the person Oscar owns) says "We have two chairs in our office, and if they are both occupied, he gets upset. When one isn't occupied, well, he takes care of that."



Valerie Jennings from Fill In The Blank will be at our March gathering. She will be showing us her products. You won't believe how many items can have a bulldog on it. http://www.fillintheblank.us/



Dozer – A Bulldog who lives up to his name

Our latest rescue dog is Dozer. Dozer is a very sweet and quiet Bulldog most of the time. However, Dozer picked up an unfortunate habit of occasionally dashing up to the feet of unsuspecting visitors and shoving at them when they entered a room. At his former home, he was starting to grab feet with increasing force and frequency, and this worried his inexperienced owner and rightly so. On rare occasions he would even try to grab the feet of her 16 year old daughter. Dozer's former owner did not feel competent to retrain the dog herself and decided to turn the dog over to rescue instead. They had been given the dog just six months before, but this was not a planned adoption. Her teen-age son just brought him home one day and asked if he could



keep him. This was already Dozer's third home in only three years of life.

It is hard to know what made Dozer dive at feet. It could have started as a "game" to him when he was just a puppy and probably was never disciplined to stop the behavior until he became larger and then it was no longer quite so cute. He never bothered people who he perceived as his "caretakers" or those who he considered "alpha". But anyone that was not paying him attention and was unsuspecting was fair game in his eyes.

Dozer's former owner admitted that he had been a bit of a spoiled boy. Dozer needs a home where owners would commit to more training and give him the structure he needs to do well. Dozer had showed remarkable progress while in foster care and was a willing pupil. Fortunately, we just found a very good home for him. His new owners adopted a Bulldog from our rescue group about five years ago and lost her recently due to heart failure related to her advancing years. They also have a lot of experience training other breeds of dogs, so we are hoping this is a match made in heaven and that Dozer has finally found his "forever home".

Wrinkle Time wants to thank Love-A-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue for all their hard work and dedication. We are so lucky to have you in our area!



What creative ways do you use to get your dog to take his/her medicine? Submit your answers for the next newsletter.



Often, when we think of disaster planning for our pets we think of floods and tornados. What about every day emergencies? The following is reprinted with permission from the Humane Society of the United states. Their web site is www.hsus.org

Prepare for Every Day Emergencies

These are example scenarios that could happen to you at any time, anywhere in the country. Prepare yourself for these events, and if a large disaster should ever hit, you will be ready and know what to do:

 \cdot The roads are icy, traffic is a mess and you decide to stay with a friend instead of risking the drive home from school or work. Who will check on your cat and feed her?

• While you were out running errands, a propane truck overturned on the street near your neighborhood and you are not allowed to go home. A police officer tells you the electricity to your neighborhood was shut off. How can you make sure your birds stay warm?

• Your mother-in-law has had a heart attack and you are going to meet your wife at the hospital. It may be a long night. Who will give your dog his medicine?

The Humane Society of the United States recommends the following actions to make sure your pets are taken care of when everyday events like these prevent you from taking care of your pets:

 \cdot Find a trusted neighbor and give them a key to your house or barn. Make sure this person is comfortable and familiar with your pets.

 \cdot Make sure the neighbor knows your pets' whereabouts and habits, so they will not have to waste precious time trying to find or catch them.

 \cdot Create a pet emergency/disaster kit and place it in a prominent place where your neighbor can find it.

 \cdot If the emergency involves evacuation, make sure the neighbor would be willing to take your pets and has access to the appropriate carriers and leashes. Plan to meet at a prearranged location.

 \cdot If you use a pet sitting service, they may be available to help, but discuss the possibility well in advance.



FROM: THE DOG

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the "Chrysler Eagle" the "Chrysler Beagle" ?

Dear God: More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: Let me give you a list of just some of the things I must remember to be a good dog.

- 1. I will not eat the cats' food before they eat it or after they throw it up.
- 2. I will not roll on dead fish, deer, & rabbit poop, etc., just because I like the way they smell.
- 3. The Litter Box is not a cookie jar.
- 4. The sofa is not a 'face towel'.
- 5.. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
- 6. I will not play tug-of- war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
- 7. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is an unacceptable way of saying "hello."
- 8. I don't need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm under the coffee table.
- 9. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house not after.
- 10. I will not come in from outside and immediately drag my butt across the carpet.
- 11. I will not sit in the middle of the living room and lick my crotch.

12. The cat is not a 'squeaky toy' so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.







Josue Herrios-Coronilla, 18, was arrested in Durham, N.C., in January and charged with DUI after he accidentally drove through a yard in a residential neighborhood. He then abandoned his car and hitched a ride, but at a later traffic stop, police identified him by his shoes, in that when he ran out of the yard, he had stepped in several piles of the resident's dogs' droppings. [News & Observer (Raleigh), 1-10-08]



Besides those delicious chocolate bunnies, Butch may find the plastic eggs and toys just right for chomping. The fake grass can also be a danger, as well as the basket itself, depending on the materials used in making it. Large amounts of sugar (like those marshmallow treats and jelly beans) aren't going to make Betty's tummy happy either. As always, if you are concerned Brutus ingested something he shouldn't have, immediately call your vet for advice.

You say...but my dog isn't a puppy anymore and he's past the chewing stage. I say better safe than sorry. You never know when the temptation will overcome him and who wants a sick puppy?





I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there'. I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed. I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat. I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat. I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose. My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted. Here in this house...

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level. I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words. I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many. My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it! Here in this house...

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not. I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves. I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be. I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity. I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all. If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame. Here in this house...

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch...

knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.

If I am ill, I will be doctored.

If scared, I will be calmed.

If sad, I will be cheered.

No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value.

I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.

My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.

I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

Here in this house...

I will belong. I will be home. (author unknown)

Thanks to Darlene for this submission

