



Wrinkle Time

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

March 2011

Sunday March 20th at 11:00 am. (note time)

Location:

Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville, MN.

SATURDAY May 21st, Time TBD

Location: Shakopee Memorial Park

Just a reminder to keep an eye on your dogs when you are at our gatherings. You are responsible for their behavior when you are out in public. Wrinkle Time assumes no liability at gatherings. You assume the same liability you would at any other public event as Wrinkle Time does not screen attendees.

No Bull. Just fun



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From Nose to Tail

This section is intended for questions and answers (as well as opinions) about what has worked best in your house for things from nose wrinkles to tear stains to tail pockets. Keep in mind this is not veterinary advice and what works for one bulldog may not work for the next.



This month's question:

Reading information on the internet on harnesses, dog leashes, and walking tips are great but I don't feel that they are very Bulldog specific for several reasons.

I use an Easy-walk harness and a 3 foot leash that is designed for big dogs that pull (I can't remember the name, I found it at Chuck and Don's). Any ideas or tips on a different harness/collar or leash would be helpful. Also, I am wondering if someone has gone through the same problem, having to retrain their bully to walk well on the leash and not pull me around the neighborhood! I think we lost the most control over walking this past summer when we bought a retractable leash. It was great for a few weeks, then it got hot out which meant hardly no walks. When we started walking again she just wants to go, go Go and can't seem to get her to slow down.

There are the answers:

In my opinion flexible leashes should only be used for training and mainly for teaching recalls. Flexible leashes do not give you any control over your dog and gives your dog too much room to get in another dogs space and possibly bit. The best way to teach a dog to walk nice is to put a buckle collar on with a 4 or 6 foot leash and only walk when the dog is not pulling, you give the dog direction and not let the dog go where they want. If she pulls you stop and wait for her to come back to you, only go forward when the leash is loose. You can also turn around and walk in the opposite direc-

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tion she wants to go. My experience with bulldogs is no matter what you use they find away to use it to pull more, the only thing that has helped our dogs is just teaching them the old fashion way. after teaching 8 bulldogs to walk nice I am done wasting time and money on harnesses

I don't use retractable leashes. In fact, I have the urge to take a scissors and clip the string of anyone I see using them! :) Most of the time the dog is NOT under control when using a leash like that. It is my opinion the dog has too much freedom to get in trouble.

I turn and go the other way when the dog starts pulling. Basically teach the dog he doesn't get what he wants when he pulls.

I use a pinch collar. Used correctly it works great. I only have medium size and buy extra links to fit the bulldog. You need to fit it so when you give a correction there is room for the chain part to slip. The collar needs to be up just behind their ears. It is important that the collar stays in place and doesn't fall lose on the neck. You give a correction and release. It only take a couple of times and they decide they don't like that and they find out if they pull it gets tight. As soon as I put the collar on them they know and don't pull anymore. Even the older dogs when I put it on they look at me like oh you have that on me, now I have to walk nice.



I use a pinch collar. I was against it at first but it was like night & day with my 80 pounder. I prefer the retractable leash as there is part of our walk he doesn't need to be by my side.

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We used a collar we got on line www.cesarsway.com/
It helped to have more control so Cupid would stay focused in front of him and not be looking side to side. He was more focused on the walking then his surroundings.



Next month's question:

What kind of teeth and gum problems have you had in older bulldogs?

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What's Bloat?

Bloat Survey 2010

WHAT IS GASTRIC DILATATION-VOLVULUS?

Gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) is a condition that occurs in dogs when the stomach becomes distended with air, and then while dilated, twists on itself. This interferes with the blood supply to the stomach and other digestive organs, and blocks the passage of food, leading to bloat. The distended stomach impedes the normal return of blood to the heart, causing drastically reduced cardiac output and a decrease in blood pressure. Blood and oxygen are deprived from tissues which in turn causes them to begin to die, releasing toxins into the blood stream which among other adverse effects, cause serious disturbances in heart rhythms (cardiac arrhythmias) - a common cause of death.

Simple gastric dilatation does not produce volvulus (twisting). Current thinking has been that the dogs most susceptible to GDV are the large, deep-chested breeds, which have a cavity and space for the stomach to be more mobile within the abdomen. Other factors that have been accepted as risk for GDV include overeating, rapid eating, single daily feeding, high water consumption, stress, and exercise after eating

The Abstract of the most recent study (2010) by Marko Pipan, Dorothy Cimino Brown, Carmelo L. Battaglia and Cynthia M. Otto follows.

Bloat phases and symptoms phase 1

1. Pacing, restlessness, panting and salivating.
2. Unproductive attempts to vomit (every 10-20 minutes).
3. Abdomen exhibits fullness and is beginning to enlarge.

ACTIONS: Call Veterinarian to advise of bloat while in route. Transport dog to Veterinarian immediately!

Bloat phases and symptoms phase 2

1. Restless, whining, panting continuously, heavy salivating.
2. Unproductive attempts to vomit (every 2-3 minutes).
3. Dark red gums.
4. High heart rate (180 to 210 BPM).
5. Abdomen is enlarged and tight, emits hollow sound when thumped.

ACTIONS: Transport dog to Veterinarian immediately.

Bloat phases and symptoms phase 3

1. Gums are white or blue
2. Dog unable to stand or have a spread-legged, shaky stance.
3. Abdomen is very enlarged.
4. Extremely high heart rate (200 BPM or greater) and weak pulse.

ACTIONS: Get to a Veterinarian. Death is often imminent!

Dogs may go from phase 1 - 3 bloat in a very short time. Some have known to do it in minutes!

Data taken from a more recent study (2010) will be reported in the months ahead.

The study has been titled: "Risk factors for surgical gastric dilatation-volvulus in dogs: an internet-based survey"

What's Bloat?

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Until the final report is published only a limited amount of summary information is available. The following is the abstract of the manuscript submitted to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association for consideration.

ABSTRACT

Objective - To evaluate risk factors for gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) in a large number of privately-owned dogs across a wide geographic area. **Design** - Internet-based case-control survey.

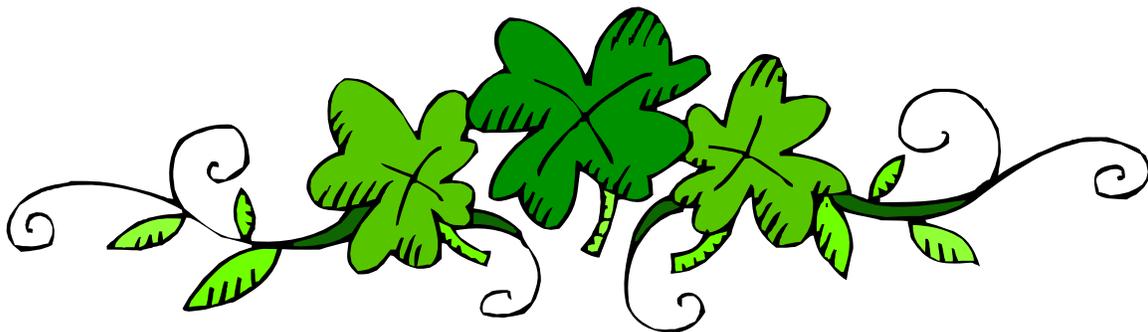
Animals - 2551 privately-owned dogs.

Procedures - Respondents were recruited by posting the electronic link to the survey on websites for dog owners; the information was also disseminated at meetings of dog owners, newsletters and email lists for dog owners and breeders, owner-oriented dog publications, and through emails forwarded by participants. The questionnaire addressed dog specific, management, environmental and personality associated risk factors for GDV in dogs.

Results - Factors significantly associated with an increased risk of GDV were being fed dry kibble. Other related factors were found to be: anxiety, being born in the 1990s, being a family pet, and spending at least 5 hours a day with the owner. Factors associated with a decreased risk of GDV were playing with other dogs and running the fence after meals, fish and egg dietary supplements, and spending equal time indoors and outdoors. A significant interaction between sex and neuter status was observed with intact females having the highest risk for GDV.

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance - In dogs with a high risk of GDV, regular moderate daily and postprandial activity appears to be beneficial. Feeding only commercial dry dog food may not be the best choice for dogs at risk; however supplements with fish or eggs may reduce this risk. The effect of neuter status on GDV risk requires further characterization.

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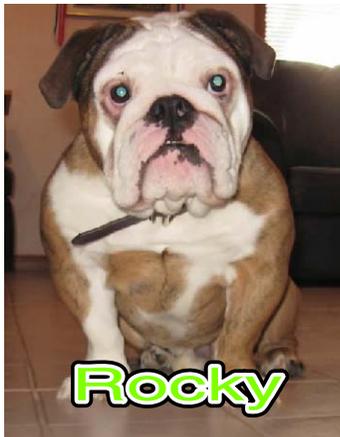
It has been a busy month for BCARN - Minnesota. Addie is now in her new home and doing wonderfully. Her new "dad" has this to say about Addie a few days ago: "Everything is going great! She's my best friend. She loves going for walks in the snow." Addie no longer has to share her humans with other dogs. She now gets to be the center of attention. I am pretty sure she likes that fact immensely.



Rizzo is in a "foster to adopt" situation with what will hopefully be her new family. She cannot be officially adopted until she has been spayed, but once that has been completed in a few weeks and all goes well, her foster home will become her "forever home". Rizzo's new family has expressed an interest in fostering for us again in the future. This is really great news as we can always use new foster homes.



Rocky came into rescue not long after Rizzo. He was surrendered because he got anxious around his former family's newborn baby. He would jump up on whoever was holding the baby when it was crying. Although they really loved Rocky, they were afraid he'd hurt the baby, so they felt Rocky would be better off in another home without any babies or toddlers to make him anxious.



Rocky's new owner, Nancy had previously inquired about fostering for our rescue group and had prior experience working with a local Great Dane rescue. After she lost her

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own Great Dane, Nancy thought a Bulldog would be a good breed of dog to "downsize" as she had heard lots of good things about them. At first, Rocky was only fostered by Nancy, but she quickly realized he was the dog for her and asked to adopt him. Fortunately, Rocky gets along great with other dogs, so Nancy will be able to continue fostering dogs, whether it is for our rescue or the rescue group she has fostered for in the past.



Also new this month, is "Red". After Rocky went to live with Nancy, Red came into rescue. Red is six and half years old. She was surrendered because the owner's child has asthma that was increasing in severity and felt that a home without any pets might help him.

Red is a sweetie, a true "Velcro dog", as she sticks so close to me, I have tripped over her many times if I change direction too quickly. She is also amazingly quick in following a person though a doorway. She always manages to stick her head in and block the door from closing if I'm not consciously stopping her from doing so.



Red came to us with a few health issues that needed attention. Both of Red's corneas were cloudy and she also had conjunctivitis. I suspected she had a pretty serious case of dry eye and that was confirmed at her veterinary examination. So Red will need cyclosporine ointment in her eyes twice a day for probably the rest of her life. Hopefully, once she produces more tears, the haze on her corneas will clear as time goes by. Her eyes are already less red and dry-looking, so it looks like the cyclosporine eye ointment is working, but she will have to go back for a re-check in a

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few weeks' time to make sure.

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Red also had to be spayed and vaccinated. At that time she was also checked for heartworm, negative fortunately in addition to that, Red was in dire need of some dental work. I've never seen a Bulldog with teeth as full of tartar as Red's. Her breath was awful, so it was obvious something had to be done about her teeth. She had ten teeth pulled and her teeth were cleaned when she was brought in to be spayed.

Red didn't feel well for the first few days after her spay and dental work, but she has bounced back and is now doing great. We have had a "meet and greet" with Red and a very nice young couple. They have decided to adopt Red and soon she will be on her way to her wonderful new life.



Just a reminder, if you have any items you'd like to donate to our silent auction to be held at the Wrinkle Time "Picnic In The Park", be sure to let us know. It is hard to believe that it is just a few months away. Your items don't have to be brand new. Just bring them along to the next Wrinkle Time or contact either Rita or Marcia to make arrangements to get them to the picnic if you are unable to attend. The spring silent auction is our biggest fundraiser, so we are very appreciative of anyone who is able to donate items for the auction. If you don't have things to donate, be sure to check out what others have donated and bid. There are always great things at bargain prices at the silent auction for Bulldog rescue, so be sure to bring your checkbook.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed in some way to Bulldog Rescue. Big or small, all donations whether they are items donated or purchased or donations of time and talents, all are greatly appreciated. On behalf of Bulldogs in need, we thank you!

For more information about Bulldog Rescue and BCARN, go to:
www.rescuebulldogs.org

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Uncle Oz-Man??? Say it isn't so!
Umm...that's just embarrassing.
They told me this disguise was foolproof!!
I love my human...I love my human...I love my human...
I'm your huckleberry.
Aren't I just the cutest??
Grrr....bark...meow?
I need a haircut.
I shouldna had that last one!
Cats everywhere shudder in fear!
I have bed head all day
I'm firing my groomer.
Somehow I wandered into the "poodle cut" line
Gee, slobber on one cat and look where it gets ya

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Look What We Found

Heart shapes made by Kong!



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