



Wrinkle Time

SEPTEMBER 2012

No Bull...Just Fun

Next Gathering!

Pet Supplies Plus, Burnsville, MN
September 30, 2012 at 1:00 pm

Pet Supplies Plus is at the corner of County roads 42 and 5 in Burnsville, in the same building as the Cub Foods.

This will be our Halloween Costume Contest/Party.



Start working on your costumes now!

Molly says she's ready!

BCARN—MN

Last month I told you a little bit about Grumpy. Soon after Grumpy came into rescue, rescue vet Dr. Jim Winsor, examined him. Grumpy's left ear was fine, however he had significant damage to the ear canal on the right side due to a severe infection that was left untreated for many years. It was bad enough that Dr. Winsor recommended a surgery called "Total Ear Canal Ablation", known as TECA. This procedure involves removing the entire ear canal and it requires a specialist, so yes; an expensive surgery was needed to help Grumpy. Fortunately this area is lucky to have veterinary surgeon, Dr. Rasmussen. She spends many hours of her free time going around to various clinics and donating her services for a nominal amount in order for rescue groups to be able to help rescue dogs get the specialized surgery they need to avoid a life of chronic pain or in some cases, euthanasia. If not for her generosity, we would not have been able to afford the surgery Grumpy required.



Luckily, Dr. Rasmussen had time in her schedule less than a week after Grumpy was examined by Dr. Winsor. So Grumpy received his TECA in record time. His foster mom says that he is feeling much better only

a week later. There is some risk of complications with this surgery, but so far, Grumpy seems to have been one of the lucky ones. In addition to Grumpy's ear being in bad shape, he also had one eye that was not producing tears. He is now on cyclosporine ointment for that and his eye is looking much better. He was also neutered at the time he received his ear surgery. Once he has healed completely he will be able to be adopted.

Tonka has been adopted and he has a new name as well. He now goes by the name of Coach. He didn't respond well to the name Tonka, so changing it wasn't likely to be a big problem for him. Coach's house-training is going fairly well, but he did have a few bumps in the road. Housetraining "issues" are not unusual when adult dogs go to new homes, especially male dogs that have recently been neutered. Coach also was being a bit noisy voicing his displeasure at having to be in his crate at night. Fortunately, his new owners seem determined to work things out and odds are Coach will stop that soon. However, anyone adopting a rescue dog through BCARN has 30 days to make sure the dog is a good fit for them. As I mentioned last month, secondhand dogs can be great companions, but it takes some careful matching to increase the odds that things work out.

Anybody who is considering purchasing an adult dog needs to consider the possibility that it may take some time for the dog to adjust to his new environment. So if you are considering adding an adult dog to your family there are some things you should ask the seller before taking the dog home with you.

Most important question to ask is this: “Can I return the dog if things don’t work out?” Anyone who has the best interest of the dog in mind should be willing to give you a trial period for a minimum of a week’s time. They should be willing to refund your money if you bring the dog back to them within that time period. They should also be willing to take the dog back later if for some reason you are unable to keep the dog. They may not refund your money, but they should still want to take the dog back and rehome it themselves if you can no longer keep it.

Second thing to inquire about is the dog’s health. Ask to see veterinary records. The dog should have been to the vet at least once in previous 12 months. If it hasn’t been seen by a vet for a yearly check up you should ask them, why not? Also ask if the dog has any chronic health issues such as allergies, joint issues, ear infections, etc. As with puppies, a reputable breeder should be willing to allow you to bring the dog to a veterinarian for evaluation of its health. If the seller is not a breeder, you may not get a written contract, but at least ask for a bill of sale specifying any conditions related to the sale...don’t just take them on their word as odds are they will deny any kind of oral guarantee if things go wrong later.

We’ve had over ten dogs come into our rescue in the past few years that were purchased or given to them only to have the new owners discover that the dog was not as represented and had health problems they were not expecting. We’ve had a few come from new owners because of training or behavioral issues also. Some of these people learned very expensive lessons. As with anything, “buyer beware”. Not all seemingly good deals are bargains.

My third recommendation is to meet the sellers at their home to see how the dog behaves there. Unless you see the dog and how it behaves you will have no idea if the dog is a house dog or a “breeder dog” that some puppy mill or backyard breeder has no longer a use for and just wants to dump it on you. Some of these places do not allow their dogs into their home, so the dog you get may not be house trained. These issues can be worked on. Although it requires time and patience on the part of the new owners, even these dogs can be house-trained, but you should not assume that just because the dog is an adult, that it can be trusted loose in your home, especially if you have a lot of carpet.

Forth thing to check on is the training of the dog. Is it leash trained? Does it obey simple commands? Respond to its name? Does it seem outgoing and friendly? Ask how it behaves around children. These are all important things to consider if you are purchasing an adult dog.

Adding an adult dog to your family has its benefits. If adopted from a rescue it will have been vet checked, spayed or neutered and brought up to date on vaccinations. Its temperament will be evaluated and any acute medical conditions will have been addressed before you take it home. You will also have a “30 day warranty”. Purchasing a dog via a website or Craigslist can also be a good thing. Just be sure to do your homework to insure that things work out the way you’d like.

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Tonka

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Please Note:

We will once again have a silent auction in conjunction with the Wrinkle Time Halloween Costume Contest & Party. There will be plenty of interesting items to bid on, so be sure to bring your checkbook. If you have anything you'd like to donate to our fundraisers, you can either bring them to the next WT meetup or contact me to arrange a pick up. PH: 651-776-9605.

If you have any Bulldog t-shirts or sweatshirts that can Re-homed please donate them to Rescue. At the May Wrinkle Time picnic we sponsored a Rescue of Bulldog clothing items and plan to do it again at the Halloween party. Please donate your unwanted in good condition Bulldog clothing items to Bulldog Rescue. They may be brought to the September meeting or the October Halloween party. For a donation of \$5.00 you will be able to Rescue any clothing item from the Rescue Clothing table . –Rita

Donate
to rescue



You Write the Caption



Elvira

Please send your captions to karen@pantheonbulldogs.com

Wrinkle Time

Braggs n' Bdays!

Happy
Birthday
Billy!



Olivia has been busy this summer. She completed her AKC Therapy Dog Title and also her Advanced Rally title. She is now working on her Excellent Rally title. She has to hurry and get her Rally Excellent Title before her age catches up with her. - Sheryll

You know that expression? "Take time to stop and smell the flowers?" Here is a Reingold Bulldogs interpretation on that....



"Flowers? What flowers?? Ooh, a bee...I'll kill it!"



The flowers
are behind
you, Chase.

Reba says, "You mean these flowers?"



Chase : "I think they're in here somewhere."



No Chase, it isn't "lick the flowers"...you are supposed to smell them! *Smell*. Got it? I know that smelling is a challenge for a Bulldog, but still...



Reba, you aren't any better...I see that tongue!



Chase, eating the foliage does NOT count!



She's getting closer...



Hey, she finally got it right!



Pearl says, "I'd rather just play with my ball."





Karen's parents' bulldog, Lily, March 14, 2004–September 4, 2012

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.... .



You Wrote the Caption



- See...bulldogs do float!
- Bring me another beer.
- I don't see the cabana boys...
- "Yes, I am a DIVA...and proud of it. You are just jealous you aren't me."
- Queen of the sea on her floaty throne.
- Nope—no room for you.
- Another Chilly Bully on the rocks, please.
- This is not my idea of fun, you know.
- Hurry up I am keeping your seat warm for you,.
- You are my sunshine, my only sunshine...
- Well are you getting in or what?
- NO Cannonballs!
- What?!? I saved a spot for you too!!
- Did ya bring the beer?
- I DID TOO look at the weight limit!

We are on Facebook!

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Watch Your Dog!

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.

Molly and her
fall leaves!

