The Nine O’clock Bark
the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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Since January 2011 we have saved forty-three owner surrendered or abandoned Bulldogs and placed them where they are wanted, loved, cared for and yes, pampered. It is a labor of love for all of us who foster, transport, check applications, place dogs and do follow up. All of these things are donated by our volunteers. All of the dogs who come to us need some veterinary care and many need expensive, specialized care. That is where your financial support is so important. We have paid over twenty-five thousand dollars to vets this year to get our Bullies ready to go to their “fur” ever homes.

Currently we have a senior who needed heartworm treatment, a rescue from a shelter who needs tail surgery and a total ear ablation., another senior Bullie who had a tumor removed from his ear, one who needed neutering and cherry eye surgery and an owner surrender who needed tail surgery. We had so many dogs come in in February that we had to board several while we located foster homes.

Each placement is a celebration and we enjoy keeping you up to date with pictures and stories each month in this newsletter and on our Facebook page and website.

We hope you will help us continue this work. This is our once a year appeal for funds. If you can help us please send your donation to SMBC.

c/o Mari DeCuir
129 Evergreen Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37918

Thank you from the Officers, Board, Rescue committee and members of SMBC, but most important, thanks from the 43 Bullies that you saved this past year.

**Bully**
was rescued from a backyard in Memphis and nursed back to health by foster mom, Melanie. He was heartworm +, needed neutering, and had severe allergies and eye and ear infections.

**TNTank**
Neuter and soft palate surgery

**Pebbles**,
Spay and soft palate surgery

**Montgomery**
Neuter and vaccines

**Tuff**
Heartworm treatment, neuter, eye and ear infections.

**Diesel**
Palate surgery

**Oatie**
Tail surgery

**Nigel**
Tumor removal, ear infection
Welcome New Rescue Families

Chris Kirby and Oatie.

Oatie was an owner surrender in NC. She is a sweet girl but was overweight and needed tail surgery. Chris brought her to meet us. Oatie had her tail surgery at Central Vet and is happy to be in a home where she is loved and cared for.

Chris & Leigh Ann Hipps and Darla

Darla is a very special girl. She is the first puppy we have ever had in rescue. She and Buford (below) were owner surrenders from a family that was relocating. Darla now has a new home with her own room, a new bed, lots of toys and a big sister named Lilly. She is very happy to be in a home where she will get lots of human companionship.

BJ and Billy Burdette and Buford.

Buford was surrendered along with his friend Darla. He is a growing boy with lots of energy and lots of snuggles to give. His new family reports that he loves to nuzzle close to them and follows his big brother “Scooby Doo” around so he can learn how to be a big dog!

Axle makes his presence known

Another Nail Trim Gone Horribly Wrong

“Eau de Axle”

Regarding Axle’s most recent nail trim...The tech told me it is doubtful they will ever get the smell out of the building. They immobilized Axle very quickly with a muzzle and drugs. So instead of attempting to rip Dr. B.’s head off like the previous nail trim Axle resorted to chemical warfare - he nearly gassed them out of the building.

You know how lethal Bulldog gas is - it makes your eyes water and stunts your breathing, and if you are unaccustomed to it - it can make you nauseous. I have no doubt Axle heard me make the appointment and decided to save up a week’s worth of gas. What am I going to do with him?
Directions to Parkside Dr.
Firehouse Station 10:
Exit 387 from I75/40: turn south on Cedar Bluff Road. Turn right onto North Peters Road, which becomes Parkside Drive. The road narrows to 2 lanes. The fire station is the second building on the left after you pass Sherway Road (which is also on the left). Parking is in the back. Enter Training/meeting room from parking lot.

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by the president. There was a quorum present.

Treasure’s Report:
Secretary: email to Catherine Bell (GSMCluster chair) concerning date of our show.

Committees:
Show: Our judge for the 2012 Specialty has been hired. Mary Rosborough. From Granite City, IL. Rescue: STILL NEED FOSTER HOMES. During February we took in eight new dogs and dealt in some way with twelve others. The rescue report will now be on a spreadsheet each month. Minutes will contain only a brief summary.

Finance: There was discussion about finding the best place for all of our accounts. Some institutions will give a better rate if all accounts are with them. Suzan will look into Clayton Bank and Mari will check with UT Federal Credit Union.

Programs: Ranee has gotten a commitment from Dr. Albright for November. Ranee is also working on getting a program on therapeutic healing and one on canine acupuncture.

Fundraising: Our next Facebook online auction is scheduled for May 17, 18, & 19. We will need help on May 20th getting the items packaged for shipping.

Unfinished Business—
• Website design. Still a work in progress.
• Pursuing the 501(c)3. Board hopes to meet with At Risk Intervention and Johnathan Borsodi to discuss this soon.
• Sandra Gerber art
• Cartoon Bullie—Lauren has done two very appealing Bullies for rescue. We will be trying to get them on the website once it is set up and then we can take some orders. We will need to set up a “manufacturing process.”

New Business—
1. Set date for next online auction—May 17-19.
2. Set date for spring picnic—April 29th
3. Bulldog Hoodies (Ranee)
4. From Samantha Wallace As I work for a non profit, we will be having a tabling event on Sunday, April 15th from 12pm to 3pm at Victor Ashe Park. It will be my group (TFT) as well as other non profits. I thought that this might be a nice opportunity for SMBR to table with some dogs.
5. Reminder; Effective December 1, 1993, to be eligible for nomination, the active member must have attended at least five (5) of the last twelve (12) regular Club meetings prior to the regular Club meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30
Respectfully submitted,
Mari DeCuir, Secretary

Volunteers Needed to Drive Shelter/Rescue Dogs
Every week there are lifesaving transports that go through Knoxville/East Tennessee. These transports carry one or more dogs or puppies to places where rescue groups have available space, or even where a forever home is waiting.

Each transport is a series of “legs” in which volunteer drivers each give a few hours on a weekend. Gas money is the only cost, though it is sometimes provided if someone wishes to drive but cannot afford gas. This is a wonderful way to make a real difference and save the lives of dogs that would otherwise likely be euthanized.

For more information, contact Caryn at carynaddo@aol.com or 865-548-8215. References and background check are required.

Sunday in the Park with Bullies
Sunday April 29
1 to 4 pm
Admiral Farragut Park
Shelter 9 or nearby
Call 389-9476 to RSVP

Admiral Farragut Park: 9950 S. Northshore Drive, From I-140 exit 5, travel west on Northshore Drive. approx ½ mile, Admiral Farragut Park on the left. Shelter is the first one on the right.

Bring a chair or a blanket, a Bullie and a dish to share