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

On the web at: http://www.discoveret.org/smcb.index/hmt

The July gathering of the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Has been cancelled
We hope to see everyone at our August gathering

We are now a 501c3!
That means that all donations you give us
(either in money, goods or services)
are tax deductible!
We go are very grateful to our vice president
Johnathan Borsodi
For doing the work to get us this designation.

Highlights of SMBC Schedule of Events
Summer and Fall 2015
Information on Dates and Venues will be sent to your email

Rescue Report for 2014-15
SMBC Rescue Chair Mari DeCuir will present a review of the Bulldogs that were rescued by our group in 2014 and 2015.

Ride for Rescues
Fundraiser to support our rescue program.
Oct 17, 2015  Ride with start at 8 am
Loudon City Municipal Park Maremont Shelter
Rides of 40, 62, and 100 miles with a post ride meal
All routes highlight the beauty of East Tennessee in the fall, through friendly and sparsely populated areas. Race Day Events (racedayevents.net) will organize the rides and registration for the event will be on-line. The event will be held rain or shine.

Dr. Thomas Chen, DVM, MS,DACVO. Veterinary Ophthalmologist.
November 3 at 6:30
Dr. Chen is on staff with UTCVM and has an office at Village Vet in Farragut. He will be discussing eye problems in Bulldogs
Angels Among Us
We Love Our Foster Families!

Tanya Price and her daughter Cassidy and son Daniel have been devoted and patient foster parents for eight SMBC rescue dogs: Patrick, Owen, Charlie, Major, Max, Mac, Moses, Gracie and now Bertha. Tanya has been a tireless ambassador for our rescue program promoting it as she meets Bulldog families in the pet stores where she works. She also has been generous with her time participating in many of our public and fund raising events. Thank you Tanya, Cassidy and Daniel! We couldn’t save as many as we do without your help.

Gracie came to us from Dr. Amy Fraze at the Blount Veterinary Clinic. It seems that Gracie’s former owner brought her to the vet to be euthanized because “she was old and had too many medical problems”. Dr. Fraze quickly realized that Gracie was not that old and really did not have any serious medical issues. She called us and we agreed to take her into our rescue. It was not long before Pop Lawrence called reminding me that his family was looking for another Bullie since they had lost their precious Mary Jane. Sweet, happy Gracie was the answer. Foster mom Tanya Price picked up Gracie at the Clinic, fostered her and then delivered her to the Lawrence family.

Bertha from Union County
Bertha was turned into the Union County Humane Society shelter as a stray. Tammi the shelter director realized that this special girl should go to a breed rescue and not just any home. After the stray hold was up we got Bertha from the welcoming shelter and delivered her to Tanya. Bertha will be spayed soon and then be ready for a forever home.

Welcome
Mame

Our first encounter with Mame was a phone call that someone had picked up a Bulldog on the side of the road and she had an injured front leg. She was taken to Young Williams AC who cared so much that they took Mame to the Pet Emergency Clinic for X-rays and to see if the leg could be saved. It was determined that the leg was so damaged that it would need to be amputated. It was amputated by the Young Williams vet and Mame recovered well in the loving care of Lauren Milner. The amputation never slowed Mame down. She was a happy, playful girl who greeted everybody "with a smile, a bounce, and a wiggle, wiggle, wag, wag, wag, wag. She has a tail that doesn't quit". Mame was a bit of a challenge to place but she captured the heart of a lovely lady in Alabama. Diane came to us and picked her up in February. Then in late March we received this note from Diane: "Hi Mari, today I took Mame to the vet and through x-ray it was discovered she has metastatic cancer. She has masses all through her lungs and a mass at the operative leg site. She is comfortable, happy and unaware. I am devastated but I will make her time left as happy as possible. I love her so much." Then in late May this note came: "I am so sorry to tell you that I had to put Mame down secondary to her advanced cancer two weeks ago. I miss her so much. I was so glad to have her for the time I did. God Bless you in all your work. She was the best dog I ever had.

Heat Stroke

Dogs and cats can’t perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. If you suspect heat stroke in your pet, seek veterinary attention immediately.

Signs of heat stroke include (but are not limited to):

- Body temperatures of 104-110°F degrees
- Staggering
- Stupor
- Seizures
- Excessive panting
- Dark or bright red tongue and gums
- Sticky or dry tongue and gums
- Bloody diarrhea or vomiting
- Rapid heartbeat

Note: Short-nosed breeds such as Bulldogs, Pugs, etc., large heavy-coated breeds, and dogs with heart or respiratory problems are more at risk for heat stroke.

Cooling Your Pet

- Find some shade. Get your pet out of the heat.
- Use cool water, not ice water, to cool your pet (very cold water will constrict the blood vessels and impede cooling).
- Place cool wet cloths on feet and around head.
- Offer ice cubes for the animal to lick.
- Contact your veterinarian.
Minutes of the May 31, 2015
Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 3:30. There was a quorum present and two additional members were present by phone: Ranee and Debbie.

Report of the Secretary.
Annual Report to Secretary of State has been filed and Johnathan’s address has been updated on the form AKC correspondence—what AKC can do for us.

Report of the Treasurer.
WTTR accounting. Do we have all the bills in from the event?
Jayne reported that we are still waiting on part of the 4Square payment for our event from GEBR. Jayne distributed copies of the current bank statements.

Report of Committees
Show. AKC notified that we will not be having a specialty this year due to the Nationals
Rescue (see Excel file) Rescue placed Roxie, Buttercup, Scooter, Pudge, Curly. We lost Ribeye and Betsy. We got Molly back (she developed seizures, UTI and ear infections)
(young man—could not afford vet bills) and we have Pip and Patrick waiting for vet work and we have Winston just waiting…
Rescue chair will be having a skin graft on June 10 and will be on crutches for two weeks. She will be referring rescue inquiries to GEBR until she is back on her feet.

Finance. No report
Programs. (Johnathan) Ranee has arranged for Dr. Chen UTCVM Veterinary ophthalmologist to give a program for the November meeting. Ranee has confirmed with Village Vet for Nov 2. We will be meeting June 2 at Publick House and will reevaluate location after the June gathering. The board decided not to have a July gathering. An email will go out to the membership to that effect. It was suggested that the secretary always bring membership applications to each gathering. Johnathan will be revising our schedule for the remainder of the year.

Fundraising. Discuss the proposal from Crowne Plaza?

Old Business—Johnathan has registered the WTTR trademark to our group.
No further movement on partnering with GEBR.

Rib-eye. Johnathan reported on his conversations with our insurance carrier and with the Knox county Animal Control officer. Insurance determined that the Ragucci’s were the owners of Ribeye: (1.they are not club members and therefore not covered by our insurance. 2. They paid for an emergency surgery for a blockage that Ribeye sustained and additionally paid for all other vet care. They were acting as owners of the dog.) There was also another bite incident in February that we did not know about. Ribeye was euthanized at Young Williams AC. Johnathan also reported that we have an outstanding reputation with Young Williams AC.

New Business—Johnathan has two ideas for the board to discuss:
1. Develop survey to find out what activities we could offer to increase our membership. We need to develop a survey to see what people are interested in and why they come to our gatherings. Ranee suggested that we contact Survature, a organization that does very user friendly online surveys. Ranee will contact Dr. Wang and see if they will work with us on developing a survey.
2. Johnathan proposed that we revisit obtaining 501 (c)(3) status for us. The IRS has recently changed the process for obtaining tax exempt status, and it may be worth revisiting this question. A motion was made by Suzan and seconded by Jayne that we authorize Johnathan to look into the revised process and see about obtaining 501c3 status for the club. MC. Jayne suggested that we may need to hire an accountant to help us with the financial reporting if we do get 501c3 status.

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 19 at 3 pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary