



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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*The next gathering of the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Will be Tuesday March 5 at 6 pm at The Mill
Saw Works Brewing Company
(see pg. 4 for directions)
Come and bring a friend*



March Program
Rescues of 2012—the year in review
Rescue Chair Mari DeCuir
**Will share the stories, pictures and statistics of the
51 Bulldogs we rescued in 2012**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Bulldoggers!

2013 is going to be an exciting year for Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club! As you may have noticed, we have changed our monthly format: no more dry business meetings. The goal this year is to make our gatherings more friendly and useful for our members.

Other exciting news: SMBC's website: smbcarn.org is undergoing updates that will enable us to make quick updates AND (drumroll please) have an online store. Our Facebook page has just passed the 2,000 "likes" mark and still gaining new people every day.

We will continue to provide interesting information programs throughout the year. Joleen Dewald is program chair and Madison Jordan is program coordinator. Please contact them with your ideas or suggestions for quality programs that would be meaningful for Bulldog people (I was going to say "owners," but we don't own the Bulldogs. The own US.). Joleen@thedewalds.org or maddiellesse1@gmail.com

The SMBC specialty shows will be on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2 and 3. Please mark your calendar.

Best wishes to Mari DeCuir, SMBC secretary and rescue coordinator, on her upcoming knee surgery. When she is feeling up to it, Mari is planning to do a program about SMBC's rescue efforts over the past year. Helping bullies in need is something we should all support in whatever way we can: foster a Bullie, donate items for the fundraising auctions, talk to your friends about adopting a rescue. It all helps!

I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering. One topic for discussion: what date do we want to have our spring picnic? See you on March 5!

Bullie Regards,

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Miracles do Happen The story of Chubbs Lost and Found

It all

began with a phone call that Tuesday morning. There was a young soldier on the phone looking for his Bulldog. It seems that his ex wife had been awarded the dog, named Chubbs in the



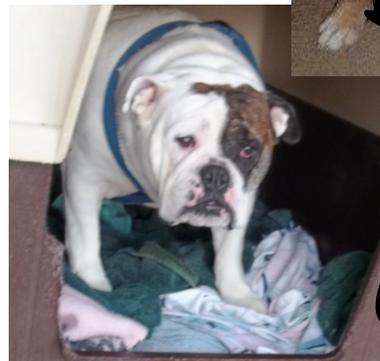
divorce. Spc. Harris was in Kansas and had somehow learned that his ex wife had given the dog to someone else and they had surrendered it to a shelter in this area. Chubbs was micro chipped and Spc. Harris emailed me some pictures which I posted on our Facebook page. It was my intention to email local shelters with the pictures when I remembered Beth who visits shelters in our area for the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley. I sent her an email with Chubbs picture. Less than an hour passed before Beth called me and said " I just saw a white Bulldog at Young Williams, he was on a legal hold for chip search." When I contacted the Shelter manager Monica she confirmed that the white Bulldog was chipped and the chip went back to a Christopher Harris in Kansas !

Yes we had found his dog .

I called Spc. Harris and told him the good news. He was so excited and relieved that Chubbs was found and safe.

Chubbs is now with a friend who is keeping him until Spc. Harris can get him back to Kansas.

WELCOME NEW RESCUES



GUNNY

Our rescue program is very grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Royce Harbor, Eutaw, AL for their generous donation in memory of Bonnie Roger's mother, Sandra Rogers.



Your donations of time ,love, supplies and money make it possible for us to continue to rescue, care for and find loving , welcoming homes for this great breed.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU



Rainbow Bridge

Dixie Johnson's Duke



It is with the deepest of sorrow and emotion that I inform you of the loss of my beloved little guy, Duke. He was the most beautiful little guy I've ever owned. I'm in an Assisted Living facility now, and he died right after I went in. Vivian was keeping him for me. In my life, it's worse than losing a child. I loved my little guys more than some people love their kids. I had him cremated as I want to keep him near me as long as I'm alive. I also had Regis cremated for the same reason. He died about a year ago.

Take care of your Bullies and love them deeply

— they love you unconditionally. Dixie



Charlotte's Story

Charlotte really wasn't an SMBC dog but her story needs to be told. Charlotte was picked up as a stray by Animal Control in Pearisburg, VA. SMBC was contacted by a local rescue to see if we could help. Charlotte was estimated to be about ten years old and had an ulcerated mammary tumor. We agreed to have her examined and evaluated by a local veterinarian to see what her prognosis might be. The information was not good. Dr. Butler of the Pearisburg Animal Care Center said that she had entropion and dry eye, ear infections, ulcerated mammary tumors indicate that she will need radical mastectomy on both sides and spay. Dr Butler indicated that the spay would

remove the hormones that may be causing the tumors. She did not indicate that they were malignant or had spread to other organs. She would need dental work and she had a slight heart mummer. Dr. Butler indicated that we would be looking at upwards of \$2000.00 and long term convalescence since the surgeries would have to be done separately to allow for recovery time. The SMBC Rescue committee after compassionate deliberation decided that the best thing to do was let her go to the Rainbow Bridge. Charlotte had two angels to help her through all of this. Marilyn Hollie got her from the shelter and took her to Dr. Butler.

I want to thank all of those involved with Charlotte. While sitting with her at the vet office yesterday I started thinking about situations such as these. Charlotte sat on the floor with her head on my knees looking up at me. How I wish I could have read her thoughts. Considering she was 10+ in age, produced 2 litters per year, she made a nice profit for some idiot. Yet this same idiot was not there when Charlotte needed her.

Thankfully you were. Sadly, sometimes even rescues can not rescue. It's stories such as Charlotte's that make me mad yet keep me going. I agree she is having the best care she's had in a long time. Peace sweet girl.

Marilyn

I had gotten Shawn McKelvy (Rosemary's mom) in Radford involved in case we needed a foster home for Charlotte. When she was informed of our decision she asked if she could be with Charlotte.

I just got home from visiting our gal and sharing her last moments with Dr. Butler and her assistant. Charlotte was a beautiful sweet girl and very open to kisses and hugs. I held her face to mine 'til her last breath and she was so peaceful.

It was an honor to meet Charlotte and for you to include me in the process. My door is always open, dear Mari.

Sincerely,

Shawn McKelvy

Charlotte last hours were probably her best. She had a cozy blanket, food and clean water and most of all she knew that there were good people in this world who loved her and did not want to merely use her. Charlotte left us knowing she was loved and cared. Sometimes that is the only thing rescues can give a dog.

Minutes of the January Board meeting. Jan 22, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Randy at 6:08 pm.. A quorum was present.

Secretary Report. Have received several premium lists for Regional Bulldog specialties. Letter was received for an order of Daisy Paw greeting cards.

Treasurer's Report Suzan distributed the Dec report.

Committee Reports.

Show. There was discussion about the 2013 specialty. GSM cluster will be Oct. 31 thru Nov. 3. going back to a two show format was discussed. Suzan made the motion to hold two specialties in conjunction with the GSM cluster. Joleen seconded. MC Rane offered to do the paperwork again this year. We will need someone to serve as Show chair.

Rescue (see Excel file for Dec). Currently have two fosters with Bonnie, one with Tim Black and one with Christen McDonald. Lost two : Nigel and Solomon.

Mari will have surgery Jan 28th will not be taking any dogs until mid February. Refer all inquiries to GE BR

Finance. No report.

Programs. (Joleen). Ideas for upcoming programs were suggested. Joleen will follow up.

Fundraising . The December online auction brought in approximately \$2300.00 for rescue.

Unfinished Business.

- ◆ 501 c3 was tabled to an upcoming meeting.
- ◆ Website. There was discussion about building a new site. Johnathan suggested that we contact Rebecca Tatum.

New Business. Changing the meeting structure to attract more people.

There was general agreement that we needed a more upbeat structure for our meetings. Johnathan Borsodi suggested that we meet at The Mill (the tasting room for Saw Works Brewing). After reviewing the by-laws it was decided that we would limit the business meetings to the six board meetings each year and that the annual meeting called for in the by-laws would recap the business for the year. The new meeting format would be more of a social time with announcements rather than a formal business meeting. We would still have programs of interest to dog lovers which might encourage better attendance and new members.

Meeting time would be changed to 6pm with the program starting at 6:30. We will start the new format beginning with the February meeting. Rane volunteered to bring pizza and Johnathan will open the bar for beer and sodas. All tips will be donated to rescue.

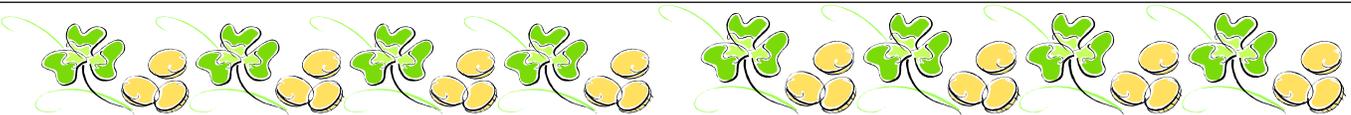
Johnathan also advised that we should get a Permit to Solicit application from the city of Knoxville and the state.

Mari will look into getting that paperwork.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary



**Directions to Saw Works Brewery
708 East Depot Ave., Knoxville**

**From I-40 take Exit 389 or 388A (depending on direction) Hall of Fame Drive toward downtown
Continue on Hall of Fame to the light at Magnolia.**

**Turn left at Magnolia then almost immediately Right onto Randolph (Lighting Co will be on the right)
Go one block to Depot St. and turn Left onto Depot.**

Saw Works and the Mill will be on your right. Park in front or on the street.