



DIVISION SIX BCA NEWSLETTER



A newsletter published for the members of BCA Division Six from the great states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri!

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Did you know?

The amount spent by pet owners on veterinary care in 1991 was \$6.9 billion?
And in 2002 it was \$11 billion?

– From a survey conducted by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA)



"Mom, he's copying me!"

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Meeting Minutes



Division VI meeting Holiday Inn Eureka Mo 2-21-2004

Meeting was called to order by President Linda Shelburg.

Roll Call: Present: Marilyn Burdick: Jo Hanson: Dean Dickey: Russ Schuveiller: Randy Miller: Linda Shelburg: Kym Thew: Michael Rathje: Darlene Stuedemann: Patsy Hart: Wayne Brower: Rick Hart: Absent: Bob Cocks

Treasurers Report: Michael advised the Board of the format he would be using for the Treasurers report. He thanked Bob for helping with a smooth transfer of the books. He also advised that the report at present, is somewhat incomplete as he did not have current information when preparing his report. Michael will look into money market accounts and get the best rate he can. A motion by Russ, seconded by Kym to approve the Treasurer's Report carried.

Secretary's Report: The Division Web Site was discussed. As previously decided, for an annual \$2.00 fee, Clubs and/or individuals can link to the Division site. It was suggested that Board members advise their own clubs of this. Members should also be encouraged to sign up for the Newsletter and to submit article, poems, brags, etc. This will help keep the Division members who do not belong to a Club informed. Information can also be submitted for use on the Web site.

Several people noted that they are unable to receive the Newsletter by email. As many computers do not have the capacity to handle large files, it was suggested that the Newsletter be broken down into at least two files for emailing. Jo will ask Karen to divide the Newsletters into smaller segments for emailing. It was also suggested that a hard copy be sent to the Secretary of each club. Russ moved to have the previous Secretary's report approved as submitted. Dean seconded and the motion carried.

Correspondence: Michael read a thank you from the Texoma Bulldog Club for the gift to help replace their stolen articles.

Old Business: Wayne gave a report on the Audit of the Division VI outgoing Treasurer's books. Wayne said the audit went well and everything was in order. He added that we should have two signatures on checks over \$1,000 also let the Treasurer choose a bank that is convenient for him to do business with.

New Business: Jo announced that there are two boxes of Bulldoggers for each Div VI Club to do with as they wish. The Bulldoggers are extras from shipments for new members and lost issues.

Linda advised the Board that at the 2003 National Council Meeting, the Long Range Planning Committee recommended expanding the Crime Policy coverage to include both Division and National Treasurers. The cost would be approximately \$50 annually for each Division. Coverage would be voluntary. Subsequent correspondence from Link Newcomb to Michael indicated that the policy underwriter requires that, in order to be covered, monthly bank statement reconciliation's be performed by someone who is not authorized to sign on the bank account. After some discussion, a motion by Russ, seconded by Rick, to participate in the coverage and to have a member of the Treasurer's home Club but not member of his or her family perform the reconciliation carried.

There was discussion, generated by Michael's memo concerning Division matters, on membership. It was generally agreed that the Division look into printing our own membership applications as they are very difficult to get from the National. Russ volunteered to look into the cost of having 500 forms printed.

In regard to the rest of Michael's proposal, it was generally agreed that Linda come back to the next meeting with recommendations. Item tabled.

Counselors Report: Darlene advised that she is on the National history committee and is asking each Club for a written history. She currently has information from Heart of American and BCCI When histories for all Clubs and Divisions are completed, National will put them on cd's and tapes. Anyone having any pertinent information on Clubs or the Division should get it to Darlene. She also asked that this request be put in the Newsletter.

Division VI stationary is available for anyone who needs it.

New Members: Charles Spears: Liberty MO: Mike Holm, Suzy Holm, Barnesville: MN: George Gleason Mpls MN: Chris Barone, Nixa MO: Mike Shediwy, Des Moines IA: Cheryl Schuller Desoto MO: Melissa Oldsberg, Chaska MN: Transfers: Theresa Zimmer, Licking MO:

Adjourn



Brag!



We'll take a brag about anything! We ask a donation for each brag. Brag about children, grandchildren, and of course, DOGS! \$1 per line, minimum 2 lines (100 characters/line). Send check made out to BCA Division VI to Karen Zimny, 9106 Wilton Bridge Rd, Waseca, MN 56093

Reingold Bulldogs has a new litter of four boys, born March 9th. Proud mom is Riverbends Time Traveled, proud papa is Reingold Red Baron. Other recent arrivals were the litters of Ch. Reingold Time Traveller x Reingold Pantheon Emmy Award (1 Male, 1 Female) born 12-3-03 and Ch. Adam of Bannockburn x Reingold Velvet Crush (3 Males, 3 Females) born 12-4-04.

Ch. Bullyful's Say Good-Nite Gracee ! Gracee went Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed to finish her Championship on March 6th, 2004 in Columbia, MO under breeder judge Karan Kilgus. This was Gracee's 4th "major" under a breeder judge and in addition, all of Gracee's wins have been out of the Bred-by Exhibitor Class. Gracee is the 16th Champion of the late Millcoat's Solomon. Jamie, Kym and momma MiMi the Snow Queen are celebrating their first homebred Champion. At last our dream has come true !

More Interesting Pet Statistics

The percentage of pet owners who consider vaccinations and routine care critical to their pet's quality of life is 92 %.

Number of vets in the United States who perform surgery on pet fish – about 20
Cost of fish surgery—\$350 to \$1,000

Number of vets in the United States who specialize in pet dentistry – about 60
Cost of dog or cat root canal—\$600 to \$800
Cost of dog or cat orthodontics—\$2,800 and up

Average amount spent annually by pet owners on pet expenses—\$1,266
Typical breakdown:
\$156 Routine vet visits
\$289 Specialized vet visits
\$187 Food
\$45 vitamin supplements, worm medications

Eight out of ten owners purchased at least one gift for their dogs in 2000

Percentage of pet owners who...

- say their pets make their family or home life healthier, either emotionally or physically—84 %
- say that playing with or confiding in their pet relaxes, calms and helps them cope better with life and the associated stresses of our fast-paced society when they are stressed or worried—70 %

Average amount spent on food, toys and treats annually—\$750

– From a survey conducted by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA)

1ST QUARTER 2004

North Dakota

05/29 Fargo Moorhead KC - Gary Dunlop - Onofrio Closes 05/12
05/30 Fargo Moorhead KC - Christine Cameron - Onofrio Closes 05/12
05/31 Fargo Moorhead KC - David Markus - Onofrio Closes 05/12

Iowa

06/12 Fort Dodge KC - Dr. Harry Smith - Onofrio Closes 05/26
06/13 Fort Dodge KC - Elaine Rigden - Onofrio Closes 05/26
06/19 Hawkeye KC - Luc Boileau - Onofrio Closes 06/02
06/20 Hawkeye KC - Edmund Jamison Kauffman Closes 06/02
08/14 Burlington KC - Onofrio Closes 07/28
08/15 Burlington KC - Onofrio Closes 07/28
08/28 Cedar Rapid Kennel Association - Onofrio Closes 08/11
08/29 Cedar Rapid Kennel Association - Onofrio Closes 08/11
08/30 Waterloo KC - Onofrio Closes 08/11
09/03 Bulldog Club of Iowa - Onofrio 08/18
09/04 Des Moines KC - Onofrio 08/18
09/05 Des Moines KC - Onofrio 08/18

Upcoming
Shows

Minnesota

05/15 St. Paul / Minneapolis Bulldog Club - Dale Flippin (and Rudy Kilgus Sweeps) - Linda Miller
05/16 St. Paul / Minneapolis Bulldog Club - Paula Flippin - Linda Miller
06/05 Lake Minnetonka KC - Kenneth Buxton - Onofrio Closes 05/19
06/06 Lake Minnetonka KC - Peggy Haas - Onofrio Closes 05/19
06/17 Anoka County Minnesota KC - Dr. Jacklyn Hungerland - Onofrio Closes 06/02
06/18 Anoka County Minnesota KC - Kent Delany - Onofrio Closes 06/02
06/19 Cambridge Minnesota KC - Robert Moore - Onofrio Closes 06/02
06/20 Cambridge Minnesota KC - Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark - Onofrio Closes 06/02
07/03 Wright County MN KC - - Onofrio Closes 06/16
07/04 Wright County MN KC - - Onofrio Closes 06/16
07/09 Duluth MN KC - Dorothy Hutchison - Onofrio Closes 06/23
07/10 Duluth MN KC - Bettie Krause- Onofrio Closes 06/23
07/11 Duluth MN KC - Sari Brewster Tietjen - Onofrio Closes 06/23
08/07 KC of Freeborn County - Onofrio Closes 07/21
08/08 KC of Freeborn County - Onofrio Closes 07/21
08/21 St. Croix Valley KC - Onofrio Closes 08/04
08/22 St. Croix Valley KC - Onofrio Closes 08/04

Missouri

05/28 Rolla Missouri KC - Elaine Lindhorst - Onofrio Closes 05/12
05/29 Rolla Missouri KC - William Usherwood - Onofrio Closes 05/12
05/30 Mississippi Valley KC - Sondra Joy Esposito - Onofrio Closes 05/12
05/31 Mississippi Valley KC - Sandra Goose Allen - Onofrio Closes 05/12
06/05 Moberly Missouri KC - Eugene Blake - Onofrio Closes 05/19
06/06 Moberly Missouri KC - Elaine Rigden - Onofrio Closes 05/19
06/12 Southeast Missouri KC - Linda Sigle - Onofrio Closes 05/26
06/13 Southeast Missouri KC - WL Carter - Onofrio Closes 05/26
07/03 Jefferson City Missouri KC - Thomas Touzel - Onofrio Closes 06/16
07/04 Sedalia KC - Laura Perkinson - Onofrio Closes 06/16
08/19 Leavenworth KC - Onofrio Closes 08/04
08/20 Leavenworth KC - Onofrio Closes 08/04
08/21 Heart of America KC - Onofrio Closes 08/04
08/22 Heart of America KC - Onofrio Closes 08/04

Kansas

08/12 Manhattan Kansas KC - Onofrio Closes 07/28
08/13 Topeka KC - Onofrio Closes 07/28
08/14 Manhattan Kansas KC - Onofrio Closes 07/28
08/15 Topeka KC - Onofrio Closes 07/28

Shows...Shows...Shows!



NEW! Exciting! TWO-DAY
Denver Spring Classic Specialty Shows



Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25 Judges: Paula Flippin, Hank Williams, Shar Kynaston (Sweeps)
Holiday Inn Denver, I-25 and 120th - - - Reserve now: (303) 452-4100
Show chair Mike Brunk: (970) 356-3401
Call Marzetta Peterson, BCD Secretary at (303) 659-9434 for premium list! Check out our Website:
www.bcod.org for the latest information!
Sponsored by the Bulldog Club of Denver Publicity: Call Connie Williams at (303) 987-0833!



BACK TO BACK SPECIALTIES! LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 2nd and 3rd

With Des Moines Kennel Club All Breed shows on the 4th & 5th



Bulldog Club of Central Iowa

Won't you join us this year at the Four Points Sheraton, Des Moines, Iowa, for the Division VI and BCCI Specialties?
ROOM RATES Standard or King \$ 64.00 Junior King Suite \$ 84.00
Ground floor rooms available -reserve early! Be sure to mention Bulldog Club of Central Iowa for special room rate.
For Reservations 800-325-3535 (or 515-278-4755)



S.P.M.B.C. Announces our Annual Specialty

Saturday: May 15th 2004
Sweeps: Rudy Kilgus
Regular Classes: Dale Flippin
Held at the Best Western Maplewood Inn

Sunday: May 16th 2004
Regular Classes: Paula Flippin
Held at the Best Western Maplewood Inn

For information call Randy Miller
888-710-7669 x 6130
or 612-529-9055
bulldog@mninter.net

BCA Div VI

Thank you for supporting the Texoma Bulldog Club during our time of need.
Your donation is assisting us in replacing our stolen trailer and show equipment
May God bless you Merry Christmas, **Texoma Bulldog Club**

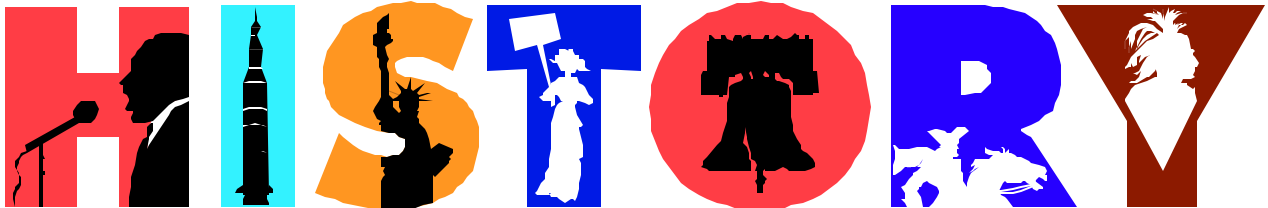
LINKS...LINKS...LINKS...LINKS...LINKS...

Any Division VI member who wants their web link or email on the BCA DIV VI web site may contact Karen Zimny at Karen@pantheonbulldogs.com or 9106 Wilton Bridge Road Waseca MN 56093

It only costs \$2.00 per year!

10 DOG PEEVES ABOUT HUMANS

1. Blaming your farts on me...not funny...not funny at all!
2. Yelling at me for Barking.....I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG YOU IDIOT!
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose....uh, NO.
5. Any haircut that involves bows and ribbons. Now you know why we chew up your stuff when you're not home.
6. The slight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! What a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for "the big snip," then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back.
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotch of your guest. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Have you noticed the fur?
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you're just jealous.



Darlene Stuedeman is on the History committee, and she is asking that if anyone has any information on the Bulldog Club Of Iowa, Bulldog Club Of Greater St Louis, the Heart Of America Bulldog Club, Saint Paul Minneapolis Bulldog Club, or BCA Division VI please contact her at ginger@cis.net or #563/446/5055 --210 54th Street Clinton IA 52732

The Stages of Canine Pregnancy:

Canine pregnancy lasts nine weeks and then you have approximately 8 weeks of rearing to do. I have identified and defined the several stages we go through in this process:

Week one:

Was he the right one? Typified by agonizing over whether you chose the right stud.

Week two:

Was she fertile? Indicated by mildly threatening thoughts directed at your bitch and concern about wasted \$\$\$.

Week three:

Oh lord, we missed her...stupid sterile stud dog

Week four:

Vet appointments fix everything. You schedule a vet visit for a sonogram and wake up the morning of the planned test to discover she looks like she ate a watermelon!

Week five:

Not enough food in the world to feed this bitch...

Week six:

Oh lord she's lost some babies...when really she has just moved them around a bit and now she is hanging down more than spread out like a watermelon.

Week seven:

Dreams of glory featuring puppies with the best parts of both parents.

Week eight:

Nightmares of disaster featuring puppies that look like the neighbor's dog.

Week nine:

Maximum guilt...how could you do this to this sweet little girl, she can't eat or sleep and neither can you.

Stage One Labor:

Now, is it now? No she is just rehearsing AND she has picked out one fake place for puppies, one real place and just rolls her eyes at the lovely new whelping facility you built for her.

Stage Two Labor:

Well the fake place (the closet) has been passed up for the bushes in the front yard and you cannot convince her that her humongous butt is clearly visible to all passers-by...her head is hidden, she thinks she is in a den and to h*** with you, you have no idea what you are doing. Your job is to get her into the whelping box without stressing this delicate little dog mom to be or calling in the crane or forklift.

Puppies Day One:

Hubby comes in to view the litter, points at one and says "Wow is he cute". He is half the size of the other babies.

Puppies Week One:

Looking for heads in all the wrong places...now you KNOW better than to look for heads when they have smushed up muzzles from nursing.

Puppies Weeks Two and Three:

You do their stress activities, monitor weights and every day hubby comes in to check on his boy...yes he is cute...fast, too. Easy to be fast when you are long as a freight train with long legs to match. You've picked out the best ears and tails from watching them nurse. During week three you discuss devotion to motherhood with your bitch when she announces the darn things have sharp teeth.

Week Four and Five:

They really are cute and you are caught thinking they are cute, because they are now on solid food and you are fast running out of clean paper. Hubby plays with his boy child and begs you to stack him up and tell him what you think ... you develop really good diversionary strategies.

Week Six:

You are starting serious evaluation and start taking pictures ... you notice while doing the photographs that hubby's pick is now the same size as his littermates. The litter looks really good...aren't you glad you got that generic sperm and they all look like your bitch, who is perfect in every way?

Week Seven:

While analyzing the photos you keep coming back to one striking male who is very balanced and very proportioned...this cannot be happening, Could this be the "little " male your hubby liked.. THAT can't be...

Week Eight:

The puppy party where all your friends and some of your enemies come over to pick your little darlings apart in great detail and make rude remarks about the faults that nasty stud produced. Their decision is unanimous ... pick of the litter is a strong handsome boy who trots wonderfully, comes when called and thinks your hubby hung the moon.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Popular Sire Syndrome and Concerns of Genetic Diversity

Most breeders aim to produce quality, healthy litters that exemplify the breed standard. What breeders may not realize is that too much breeding to one dog may give the gene pool an extraordinary dose of its genes, including any detrimental recessive genes that may not be discovered until later generations.

"Regardless of the popularity of the breed, if a large proportion are breeding to a single stud dog -called popular sire syndrome -the gene pool may drift in that dog's direction and there will be a loss of genetic diversity," says Jerold Bell, D.V.M., a veterinary genetic counselor and director of clinical veterinary genetics at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. "Overuse of individual dogs decreases diversity due to bottlenecks, which pushes out the influence of other quality dogs in the breeding pool," Bell says. "This can cause future breed-related genetic conditions through what is known as the founder's effect."

All genes come in pairs -one from the sire and one from the dam. If both genes are the same type, the gene pair is homozygous. If the two are different, the gene pair is heterozygous. While a dog can have a maximum of two different genes in a pair, many different genes are potentially available to be part of the pair, Bell says. Breed diversity occurs when a several genes are available for each pair. If a gene pair is homozygous but does not contain detrimental recessive genes then there is no negative effect on a dog's health. After all, the characteristics that make a breed reproduce true to its standard are based on nonvariable or homozygous gene pairs, says Bell. On the hand, if the homozygote is made up of harmful recessive genes, it may cause small litter sizes, neonatal death, health conditions or impaired immune function. "

"Here's an example," Bell says. "Seventy-seven percent of the Doberman Pinscher breed has a defective gene that causes von Willebrand's disease, an autosomal recessive bleeding disorder. But Doberman breeders can test and identify carrier and affected dogs. They can decrease the frequency of the defective gene by breeding carriers to normal-testing dogs and selecting quality normal-testing offspring for breeding. By not just eliminating carriers, but replacing them with their normal-testing offspring, breeders can help to preserve genetic diversity."

A basic principle of population genetics is that gene frequencies -the percent of a particular gene, regardless whether it's normal or detrimental do not change from the parental generation to the offspring, Bell says. Gene frequencies will remain the same regardless of the homozygosity or heterozygosity of the parents or whether the mating represents outbreeding, linebreeding or inbreeding. It is the selection of breeding stock that changes gene frequency, not the types of matings, Bell says.

"If some breeders outbreed (breeding dogs that are relatively unrelated), some linebreed (breeding dogs with a distantly related common relative) to certain dogs that they favor, while others linebreed to other dogs that they favor, then across the breed, genetic diversity is maintained," Bell says.

The perceived problem of a limited gene pool has caused some breeders to discourage linebreeding and promote outbreeding in an attempt to protect genetic diversity. "However, it's a fallacy that each dog must carry the diversity of the breed," Bell says. "Studies in genetic conservation and rare breeds have shown that this practice actually contributes to the loss of genetic diversity. "Breeders often underestimate the amount of diversity that can be present in a breed -even one with a limited group of founders," Bell says. "A molecular study of the Chinook dog breed, which was reduced to four dogs in the 1970s, showed significant gene diversity and heterozygosity in the breed. "By uniformly crossing all lines or families of dogs in a breed, you eliminate the differences between them and therefore the diversity between individuals," he explains. "The process of maintaining separate lines with crossing between lines and breeding back maintains diversity in the gene pool. It is the varied opinions of breeders as to what constitutes the ideal dog and their selection of breeding stock that maintain breed diversity."

Loss of genes from a breed's gene pool occurs through selection: the use and nonuse of offspring. "If a popular sire is used extensively, gene frequencies and the gene pool can shift toward his genes, limiting the gene diversity," Bell says. "On the other hand, dogs that are poor examples of a breed should not be used simply to maintain diversity. Related dogs with desirable qualities will maintain diversity and improve the breed." .

Dr. Jerold Bell

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Who's Who in Division VI

by Michael & Patti Rathje

In this issue of the Division VI newsletter, Russ Schuveiller, the current Vice President of Division VI was chosen for the "Who's Who in Division VI" article. This article is an attempt to introduce the leaders of Division VI to all our members.

Russ bought his first bitch in 1975. His first show was in Minneapolis, MN in 1976. Since that first show, Russ has finished three champions. Karl and Joyce Dingman mentored Russ. Reflecting on some of their early advice, "That you would lose more than you will win, so have fun with the showing, and keep trying", Russ said they were so correct! When asked who he thought the best bulldog he has seen in Division VI, Russ replied, "I know I am biased because of being fortunate to have been around Goober when he was at the top of his game, but he was quite the 'showman'. Another was Titus, what a dog! Many, many more, but those were two great ones."

Since Russ has not been showing, he has enjoyed the administrative side of both the local bulldog club and the Division. For the SP MBC and Division VI, Russ has been a board member, Vice President, and President. He was the BCA National Show Chairman in 2002.

Russ said, "What I love about the Div. is the interaction with the members. We have so many people over the years to thank. Without them we would not be in the position we are now in. We need to always be thinking of our fellow members in the Div., and to make our members always a part of the decision making. Try to remember that the Bulldog is our reason for doing what we do!"

On the personal side, Russ is married with two children and five grandchildren. He loves to golf whenever he can. In his closing comments, Russ said, "Thanks to all of those of you who over the many years have helped me, and many others to enjoy the best of what our breed has to offer. Warm regards to all."

Thanks Russ!!

Thank you Michael and Patti Rathje!

Gracee's Goodies

Gracee submits goodie recipes, yes, human ones, too with a little help from her friends.

Any submissions are welcome!

Heavenly Turtle Cheesecake (Sorry Bullies, this one is for the humans)

2 cups Chocolate Cookie Crumbs
6 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
1 bag (14 oz.) Caramels
1/2 cup milk
1 cup Pecan Pieces
3 pkg. (8 oz. each) Cream Cheese, softened
3/4 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. vanilla
3 eggs
2 squares Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate

PREHEAT oven to 325°F if using a silver 9-inch springform pan (or to 300°F if using a dark nonstick springform pan). Mix crumbs and butter; press firmly onto bottom and 2 inches up side of pan.

PLACE caramels and milk in small microwavable bowl. Microwave on HIGH 3 minutes or until caramels are completely melted, stirring after each minute. Stir in pecans. Pour half of the caramel mixture into crust. Refrigerate 10 minutes. Cover and refrigerate remaining caramel mixture for later use.

BEAT cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each addition just until blended. Pour over caramel layer in crust.

BAKE 1 hour 5 minutes to 1 hour 10 minutes or until center is almost set. Run knife or metal spatula around side of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing side of pan. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

MICROWAVE reserved caramel mixture on HIGH 1 minute; stir. Pour over cheesecake. Melt chocolate as directed on package; drizzle over cheesecake. Store leftover cheesecake in refrigerator. Makes: 16 servings

Club Corner

St. Paul-Minneapolis Bulldog Club

In January, we installed our new officers as follows: Russ Schuveiller, President, Kym Thew, Vice President, Jackie Bergeron, Secretary and Jo Hanson, Treasurer. The remainder of the Board Members are Jim Hale, Aaron Johnson, Betsy Milbach, Linda Miller and Marcia Tiegs. Our club and rescue program exhibited at the 2nd Annual Twin Cities Pet Expo, February 28 and 29 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. We were able to educate the public on Bulldogs and we had many club members and their bulldogs participate. Our annual specialty show is scheduled for May 15 and 16 with judges Dale and Paula Flippin and sweeps judge, Rudy Kilgus. The show will again be held at the Best Western, Maplewood, MN. We have a banquet and raffle planned, along with our wonderful hospitality. Hope to see all of you there.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Bergeron, club secretary

Take the 21 question survey at <http://www.bulldogsworld.com/>
We will have the results in an future issue.

Bulldog Club of
Greater St. Louis
No report submitted.

The Heart of America Bulldog Club just elected "new" officers. The current officers agreed to serve another term: Bev Larrick, president, Michael Rathje, v-p, Sandy Aspey, secretary, and Christy Otten, treasurer. HABC Rescue has recently placed 2 bulldogs in new homes - one in SD and one in Nebraska.

HABC is busily preparing for our annual Specialty shows. They will be held on April 17 & 18 at the Ramada Inn in Blue Springs. There will be a banquet on Saturday night with a raffle and auction.

Thanks,
Sandy

BCCI is co-sponsoring the Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest and will be well represented by Club members. Judy and Linda are also deeply involved in the planning and execution of the Contest. This is the 25th Anniversary of the Contest and we have some special things planned for the winner and all the participants. We are also making plans for our September back-to-back Specialties (BCCI and Division) and hope many of you will be joining us for a fun time! We are also planning to reschedule our Bully Fest Fun Day which was rained out last summer. And we are considering participating in the annual Pet Expo this fall. Submitted by Linda Shelburg, Secretary



Bullies In Bed

Furry critters on my bed
Furry critters 'round my head
Furry critters EVERYWHERE
Furry critters, I don't care!

Inspired by Willie



Ask Abbie

Dear Abbie,

My mom wants to make sure she protects my babies when they go to their new homes. Other than the obvious meeting the prospective parents, etc. what can she do with the contract itself?

Dolly the Bulldog

Dear Dolly,

I think this one is best said by Jennie Brandon. See the article below and best wishes to your youngin's.

Best Barks to You,

Abbie

How to Write a Legal & Binding Puppy/Stud Contract By: Jennie Brandon, Paralegal

How many breeders out there really have contracts that are worth the paper they are written on? Just how enforceable are they? What most people do not realize is that once you sell a puppy or use your male to stud a bitch to produce puppies those puppies become PROPERTY. Unfortunately, the law still sees animals as property and you cannot tell someone what to do with their own property. So no matter what they do with the dog/pups, you cannot sue for damages, or return of the dogs/pups, because the dogs/pups become the property of the owner or breeder.

So how do you enforce your contracts then? How do you protect those pups? Well, what you have to do is sue not for the dog/pups (PROPERTY), but you can sue for "BREACH OF CONTRACT".

When writing contracts it is not enough to just stipulate terms and conditions. You must also stipulate what will result should the terms and conditions of your contract be breached. Therefore, you will legally be able to ask for damages if you ever have to sue. If you don't stipulate this in the contract, then it is useless. When you stipulate "breach of contract", make sure the damages will far outweigh any compensation the breeder/owner or other party, could possibly gain from breaching your contract.

Here is an example: Someone buys your puppy for \$1000 then turns around and resells it for \$2000 to a known puppy mill. The party knowingly breached your contract that stipulates puppies cannot be resold to a third party or known pet shop or puppy mill. If your contract has no stipulating terms saying what will result if contract is breached, there is little you can do about recovering your puppy or damages. However, if your contract stipulates that in the result of "breach of contract", the other party agrees to pay you \$5000 in liquidated damages (or whatever you decide), then the owner/breeder of the dog/pup has more to lose by reselling the dog, than he has to gain when he sells it. They are going to think twice before selling the dog and gaining a thousand dollars if they may lose five thousand in the end.

Make your contracts enforceable. And always get it in writing. Be sure to give a copy of the contract to the buyer/breeder, even if breeding or selling to a friend. This way both of you know exactly what to expect from each other. In the end, it could save a friendship and it could save those puppies! And if the puppies are protected, you will have piece of mind.

Remember, no matter how hard you try, how many references you check, or how well you think you know someone, there is always a chance that you may have to have a puppy come home. Be sure your contracts are well written and enforceable. Spend a few dollars and seek the advice of an attorney to be sure your contracts are enforceable. Make sure that puppy gets to come home if it needs you!

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How to Know if You're a Dog Person

By Sophie & Maggie Neiswender

Contributed by Jennie Brandon, Desirabull Bulldogs



- ◆ Dog people are a special breed not usually recognized by the AKC.
- ◆ They usually have crates in their living rooms.
- ◆ They keep messy houses, but their kennels are spotless.
- ◆ They can always find a show catalog within an arm's reach.
- ◆ And they have kids who know more about the birds and bees when they are five than most people know at 40.
- ◆ Dog people will drive 400 miles, spend \$100 on gas, \$200 on a motel room and \$150 on food to bring home a 25 cent ribbon.
- ◆ Dog people drive trucks, vans, and motorhomes equipped to haul crates.
- ◆ They can never be reached on weekends, unless you happen to be at the same show.
- ◆ They have trouble getting to work on time but can be a ringside by 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ Dog people will give up a \$150,000 home in the suburbs to move to a shack on 10 acres so they can have a \$150,000 dog kennel.
- ◆ Dog people have children who grow up believing a "bitch" is just another household word.
- ◆ Dog people have lush green yards and never buy fertilizer.
- ◆ Dog people pay the mortgage ten days late but NEVER miss a closing date for entries.
- ◆ Dog people use dog food bags for trash and trash cans for dog food.
- ◆ Dog people talk on the phone for hours to another dog person in a language known only to dog people.
- ◆ Dog people have parents and family who think they have lost their minds, neighbors who think they are strange and doggy friends who think they are terrific!

Hi Everybody,

I just got off the phone with a woman whose husband has made the infamous "it's me or the dog" threat. I assured her that I would put the word out there for her right away. I'm confident a loving, permanent home can be found for this poor fellow. So, here goes, feel free to pass it along...

FREE TO GOOD HOME:

- Male, age 38, however he sometimes can act just like a two year old, throwing hissy fits if he doesn't get his own way.
- Prefers women, but if the "right" guy came along, who knows?
- His favorite foods are pizza and beer - REAL beer, not light beer. Will get an attitude if you mention that real beer will make him look pregnant.
- Messy. Loud. Knows some tricks, such as the quarterback dance.
- Can be obnoxious at times. Is VERY possessive of the remote control. If you try and touch it, he will snarl and growl.
- Can be very sweet and loving at other times, especially if he wants something.
- Never abused or neglected. Not a bad sort, really, owner just can't live with the drama anymore.
- If you're interested, shipping is an option, but you pay for First Class - sorry, I told you he was dramatic. He does not have a crate, but comes with his own recliner and TV tray.



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