

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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Up on the sofa
Bulldog feet
Mess up the cushions
they're too neat!

Down to the Kitchen
for some food
Only KIBBLE?
I'm not in the mood

Over the door step
into the mud
Bark at the neighbor
Watch Out, Bud

Pulled some tinsel
from the tree
Mom yelled You'll
be the death of me!

Through the house
at a wild pace
now theres not a
thing in place

Now that we've chewed
everything in sight
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

Karen Lorenz

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Politically Correct



1. The AKC dispenses with dog and bitch classes for being gender biased. Gender Neutral classes will make up the bulk of competition; which will no longer include Veteran's Class, Puppy Class or 12-18 Month classes as they smack of age discrimination.

2. First through fourth placements will no longer be offered since anything less than a first place may potentially damage self-esteem. The judge will, instead, distribute amber colored ribbons to all participants, pat them on the back and tell them they all did a good job.

3. Baiting will be strongly discouraged as it indicates an unfair economic advantage over dogs from socio-economically-disadvantaged backgrounds where extra food may be at a premium.

4. Owners of dogs will no longer be referred to as "owners", since this suggests oppression of one species over another. Henceforth, "owners" (sic) will come to be known as "sapien partners".

5. Professional Handling will be considered bourgeois as society comes to consider the blatant exchange of money for services to be tasteless and un-American. Handlers will offer their abilities gratis for the good of the world and henceforth will be called "pattern facilitators".

6. Crossbreeding between breeds will be encouraged as society comes to value "dog-ness" over breed specificity. After all, who is anyone to determine that a Poodle is preferable to an Irish Setter?

7. Since no one person is better than another, the concept of "trained and/or qualified" judges will be obliterated. Anyone who likes dogs will be qualified to stand in a ring under the auspices of the AKC. The result is that dog shows can be held anytime, anywhere, since virtually anyone can distribute amber colored ribbons.

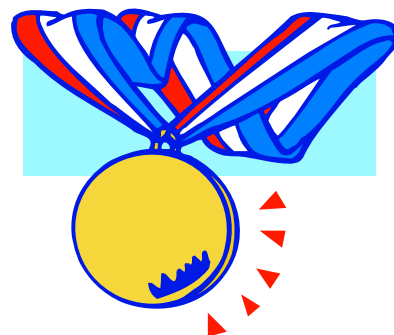
8. Litter registrations, breeding records, etc. will no longer be monitored or considered public record; after all, what a "sapien partner" and their dog does with his or her personal life is none of anyone's business as long as he/she continues to do his/her job.

9. Obedience competition will have been overhauled since the idea of one species taking orders from another was deemed abhorrent. Instead, sapien partners and their dogs will enter the ring and their exercise might sound something like this: "Precious, let's sit, shall we??? We'll do it together. Precious, how do you feel about that jump?? Not today?? OK. Let's both go pick up that dumbbell."

10. Agility courses will be revamped to allow the inclusion of physically challenged dogs. Buggies and dollies will be provided to those participants unable to complete the course on foot.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Submitted by Darlene Stuedemann



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Meeting called to order: 12/2/2008 via conference call 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Rick Hart, Randy Banta, Bev Larrick, Nancy Gann, Patsy Hart, Dean Dickey, Eva Dickey, KymThew, JamieThew, Marilyn Burdick, Rod Mason and Darlene Stuedemann.

Treasurers Report: Provided by Nancy Gann; Kim moved to approve as submitted; Randy 2nd - approved as submitted

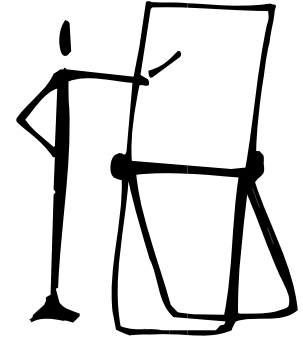
Secretaries Report: No report - minutes were emailed to all.

Report of Board: No report

Report of Officers: No report

Report of Councilors: No report

Correspondence: Read thank you card for donation to charitable fund in Walter's name.



Unfinished Business: The Living Member award committee suggested Marilyn Burdick as the recipient for 2009 award; Milt & Jo Hanson for 2010; and Linda Shelburg's name was mentioned for future award.

Old Business: Dean Dickey gave a 2009 National update - there will be a 4 page ad in the upcoming Bulldogger and a link to the National website from the BCA website. There will be no basket contest at 2009 Nationals, but people are welcome to bring baskets if they had already planned to.

Rick Hart reported that all Div VI clubs are allowed to have Div VI shows in conjunction with their specialty shows (limit 1 per club per year). Darlene Stuedemann reported that only the designated Div VI show will receive the free medallions from BCA. The clubs are welcome to purchase them for the non-designated Div VI shows.

New Business: It was noted that Div VI newsletters are being emailed to most members, but still a few are being mailed through the postal service; however, the cost of mailing the newsletters is not being covered by the fees collected, therefore a notice will be sent out to all members that in the future, the Div VI newsletters will be delivered by email only.

Stacey Gann suggested that due to the pending postage increases, Div VI should purchase additional forever stamps. Randy B moved to buy 500 for \$210; Dean 2nd - approved.

Dean Dickey noted that the Div VI website is outdated in several areas; the Div VI secretary will review items requiring updating, and contact the webmaster with the changes.

Discussion ensued regarding earmarking a portion of the Heritage fund for future Nationals, in order to eliminate or reduce the need for emergency fundraising efforts just prior to hosting a National show week. One idea was \$1 of

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each membership fee to go towards the earmarked funds. As discussed previously, the funds from the sales of merchandise that bears the BCA logo, created by Joan Gfeller is to go to the Heritage fund; Marilyn B will followup with Linda Shelburg to confirm that the contract includes the correct verbiage. Eva Dickey will continue to brainstorm ideas for sources of earmarked funds and report back at a future meeting. It was also suggested that the funds be liquidated 24 months prior to the host club's show week.

Dean Dickey suggested that the new member applicants be presented in a more user-friendly format on the meeting agenda in the future, to allow for notes, etc. Secretary will change format accordingly.

New Members: Dolphus Thacker III, St Louis, MO; Michael Ocken, York, NE; Pete Mangone, New Prague, MN; Mary Mangone, New Prague, MN; Teresa Albright, Derby, KS.

Tabled applications: Kathryn Letterman, Sparta, MO - Randy Banta to followup;

Trace Hable, Decorah, IA - Marilyn Burdick to followup; Eric Cox, Cheney, KS - Stacey/Nancy Gann to followup; Bruce Holmes, Peck, KS - Stacey/Nancy Gann to followup; Christine Branham, Maple Grove, MN - Kym Thew to followup; John Bland, DVM, Buffalo, MO - Dean Dickey to followup.

Declined applications: Wendy Smith, Marshfield, MO; Catherine Woods, West Plains, MO.

Next meeting will be at the St Louis specialty weekend - National meeting will be first and then Div VI meeting to follow; time and exact location to be announced.

2009 meetings as follows:

1st quarter - February in St Louis

2nd quarter - May in St Paul

3rd quarter - September in Des Moines

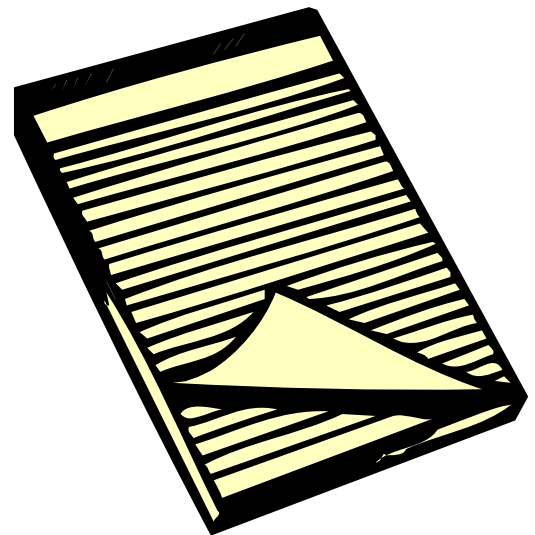
4th quarter - November in Kansas City (nationals)

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Larrick

BCA Div VI Secretary



"To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs."

--Aldous Huxley

RescueNews

Rescue Report: Notes from the BCARN Division VI coordinator

If you go to the list of available dogs on the BCA Rescue Network's website at: www.rescuebulldogs.org you will find more Bulldogs in need of adoption than ever before. There were at least 100 Bulldogs in rescue in the US just a few weeks ago. Since not all of the dogs in need of homes are listed on the website, the numbers are higher than most people realize. The economy and housing crisis in the US has affected shelters and rescue groups all over the country. Many rescue groups are overwhelmed with dogs needing homes and foster homes are in especially short supply.

Some very nice Bulldogs are coming into rescue and they deserve a chance to have a better life, but there is only so much a limited number of volunteers can handle. Here in Minnesota, we are fortunate that the volume of dogs coming into rescue has been manageable, but other areas are not as fortunate. There are states in our division that have no rescue volunteers at all. If you have ever considered helping out with rescue, but don't know where to start, please check out the rescue roster on the BCARN website to find a BCARN member closest to you for more information. You can also contact me by phone or email and I would be happy to give you more information about rescue. My contact information is listed on the BCARN website.

There are some short forms that volunteers need to fill out before they can assist with rescue, but they do not have to become BCARN members in order to help local rescue groups. If they only want to help out occasionally all that is needed is to sign a "hold harmless" waiver. There are many things that a person could do to help out rescue groups and you need not make a long term commitment. Even doing one task such as conducting a home visit or transporting a rescue dog to a foster home could be of value to a local rescue group. If you'd like to help out, even in a small way, don't hesitate to contact a rescue volunteer for more information.

The BCA Rescue Network is an amazing organization. The BCARN is the parent organization to which smaller, local rescue groups belong to. The BCARN has enough structure to give local rescue groups guidelines to follow to ensure that the care and adoption of dogs is handled properly. However, the BCARN also has enough flexibility to allow local rescue groups to make their own set of guidelines in addition to BCARN's in order to do things that work best for their local situation.

Local Bulldog rescue groups follow the BCARN's guidelines and their individual members have to apply for membership to the BCARN. BCARN members also have to follow a code of ethics and they have to be members of BCA before they can apply for membership to the BCARN. Most local rescue groups do not receive any financial aid from BCARN however, and rely on their own fundraising efforts to keep their local group solvent. So if you are unable to help by donating your time as a volunteer, you might want to consider making a monetary donation directly to your local rescue group. Any donation of time or money, will most certainly be appreciated.

RescueNews

Love-A-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue

Although our rescue group's focus is primarily Minnesota Bulldogs in need of homes, we have occasionally taken in Bulldogs from areas where there are no BCARN representatives. Our most recent rehome was a sweet 3 year old male Bulldog from North Dakota. Cupid has a great personality and no serious issues, just an owner that had changed jobs and felt he was not getting the attention he deserved

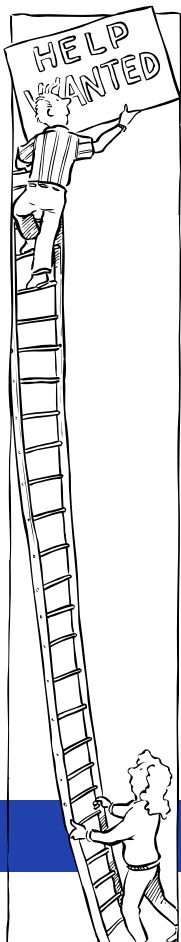


once she started working longer hours. Before Cupid could go to his new home, he had a few health issues that needed to be addressed. He received a "palate clip" and a fatty tumor was removed from his shoulder. He was also heartworm checked, treated for Lyme's disease and brought up to date with his vaccines.



Cupid loves everybody, dog or human. He is settling in nicely in his new home. His new mom and dad have had Bulldogs in their lives for over twenty years and the house was too quiet after their last Bulldog passed away a few months ago. They fell in love with Cupid from the moment they first saw his face. They say he is doing great and has made their home complete.

YOU can help!



If you would like to volunteer your time and talents helping out with breed rescue, please contact the BCARN volunteer closest to you for more information. If you do not know who that is or there is no one in your area, please contact Rita Guthmiller, BCARN Division VI rescue coordinator and she will assist you. Rita can be reached by email: rita@reingoldbulldogs.com or by phone: 952-873-3037.

Nationals2009



BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA 2009 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Got Your Hotel Yet?

Sunday, November 22nd

- Welcome Arriving Bulldoggers
- Committee Meetings

Monday, November 23rd

- Welcome Arriving Bulldoggers
- Morning Hospitality
- Committee Meetings
- BCA Education Seminar
- BCA National Obedience Judging
- Judge - Margery West
- BCA National Sweepstakes Judging
- Dogs Judge - Harold McDermott
- Bitches Judge - Ward McAfee
- Best in Sweeps Judge - Harold McDermott
- Evening Hospitality

Tuesday, November 24th

- Welcome Arriving Bulldoggers
- Morning Hospitality
- National Committee Meetings
- BCA National Specialty, Dogs & Bitches
- Dogs Judge - Nancy Harrison
- Bitches Judge - Bridgett Higginbotham
- BCA Educational Seminar (Q & A)
- Evening Hospitality

Wednesday, November 25th

- Welcome Arriving Bulldoggers
- Morning Hospitality
- National Council Meeting
- BCA Judges Seminar
- BCA Junior Showmanship
- Judge - Darlene Stuedemann
- BCA National Intersex Judging
- Judge - Darlene Stuedemann
- Rescue Parade
- Purina Reception & Costume Party

Thursday, November 26th

- Morning Hospitality

- BCA Division 6 Specialty - Dogs & Bitches
- Dogs Judge - Lillian Tiffany
- Bitches Judge - Hank Williams

Friday, November 27th

- Morning Hospitality
- BCA Education Seminar
- BCA Division 6 Specialty Show - Intersex Judging
- Intersex Judge - Mary Brunk
- BCA National Banquet & Awards Ceremony followed by after-party

Saturday, November 28th

- Morning Hospitality
- Heart of America Bulldog Club Specialty Show
- Dogs Judge - Jean Kozatek
- Bitches Judge - Robert Hall
- Intersex Judge - Ed Kozatek

*Schedule is subject to change

Book by October 22, 2009 and receive the group rate of \$105.00, which includes complimentary self parking. Rate for non-hotel guest using the hotel parking is up to \$13.50 per day.

To make your reservations for the 2009 Heart of America Bulldog Club and receive the group conference rate click the link below:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0807010378&key=91C89>

or call 1-888-627-8538 for Central Reservations and mention the Bulldog Club of America National.

IF YOU ARE STAYING WITH DOGS, THERE WILL BE A ONE TIME PET DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A DOG WAIVER.

<http://www.2009bcanationalshow.com/>

ClubNews

Attention Club Secretaries: Please let your club members know they can get on the division mailling list by simply emailing me. For those who cannot receive the newsletter electronically, \$6 a year covers printing and mailing costs. Contact: Karen Zimny, 9106 Wilton Bridge Rd., Waseca, MN 56093 karen@pantheonbulldogs.com. Thanks!

The St. Paul-Minneapolis Bulldog Club wishes everyone a Happy New Year and lots of luck at the dog shows. Our first annual Bark in the Park Bully Carnival was a great success. Plans are already underway to do it again next year and expand it to include the community. Our Specialty Show will be held May 8, 9, 10 at the Best Western in St. Paul, Minnesota, so put this date on your calendars. We added two new board members this year, Rita Guthmiller and Sue Landreville. We thank Russ Schuveiller and Bill Tisdell for the great jobs they have done for the club as board members and they will continue to be as active in the club as they can. The officers for 2009 will be Tim Fahey, President; Bruce Hodge, Vice President; Jo Hanson, Treasurer; Jackie Bergeron, Secretary. The remaining board members are Linda Miller, Jim Hale and Kym Thew. Have a wonderful New Year and we hope to see all of you at the Specialties this year.

Submitted by: Jackie Bergeron, club secretary

Please plan to attend The Bulldog Club Of Greater St. Louis specialty shows on Saturday and Sunday, February 21st and 22nd 2009.

Our judges are Patricia Hertok and Michael Staley. Sweepstakes judges are Dan Caldwell and Ray Spivey III. These shows will be held at the Holiday Inn- Six Flags in Eureka Missouri. There will be a banquet Saturday night along with a raffle and auction.

Contact our show secretary Evelyn Hotze at ehotze@charter.net or call 314-921-9124 for a premium list or information. You may also visit the BCGSTL web site at www.bulldogstl.com

Submitted by: Karen Scott

Inverted Hind Feet

A mysterious physical anomaly found in some newborn Bulldogs puppies has led some breeders and veterinarians to reach some apparently unfounded conclusions. The anomaly is characterized by hind feet that are inverted - that is, the newborn's hind feet are turned backwards instead of forward. (To put it another way, the pads of both hind feet face upward at birth, rather than downward). This condition initially appears to some veterinarians and breeders to be an irreversible deformity of the hind legs in an otherwise perfectly developed and healthy puppy. Until fairly recently, most puppies born with this condition were thought to have a serious birth defect and were euthanized to prevent a life of misery. Unfortunately, many breeders and experienced veterinarians who never encountered this condition advise others not to save puppies so afflicted at birth.

However, a recent item published in the Bulldog Club of America's officially quarterly, *The Bulldogger*, alerted breeders to this previously unpublicized phenomenon. Soon after publication, the BCA member who reported having had newborn puppies with inverted hind feet said he received numerous calls and letters from other breeders who had similar experiences. To his surprise, this so-called birth defect was not nearly as rare in Bulldog litters as he had anticipated. He was also surprised to learn that this condition is apparently only temporary!

Breeder after breeder who intuitively chose not to euthanize affected puppies reported that in less than a month, the inverted hind feet returned to normal without therapy of any kind. Absolutely no traces of this condition were observed after the puppies began to mature. Neither were there any reports by the breeders of an abnormal rear gait or impaired mobility when these Bulldogs reach adulthood. Many were shown quite successfully and achieved their championships. Furthermore, many breeders said that the offspring of these previously afflicted adult dogs and bitches seldom, if ever, produced puppies with inverted hind feet at birth.

A veterinarian who breeds and shows Bulldogs advises breeders to wait and see whether the affected puppy's ligaments and tendons tighten and turn the feet around to the correct position. Thus far, no reports have suggested that this condition will not correct itself on its own.

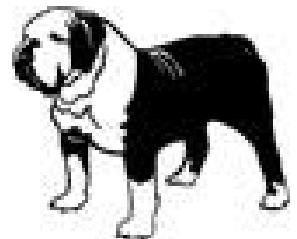
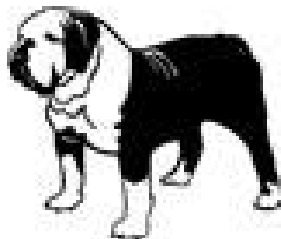
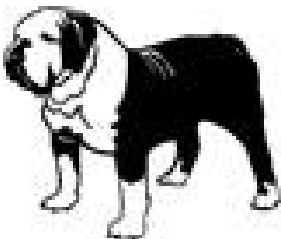
The factors that may cause this condition, clinical, environmental or otherwise, remain somewhat of a mystery. Whatever the cause, this temporary, alarming condition is more widespread in Bulldog litters than formerly realized, but euthanasia is apparently not indicated. It would appear that the odds are overwhelmingly in favor of saving these pups.

Actual congenital deformities such as cleft palates and harelips are indeed life threatening to puppies, and little can or should be done to save them. Most breeders are convinced that these conditions are genetic in origin. Extreme caution should be observed in the use of the sire or dam of puppies born with these deformities for further breeding purposes.

To say that breeders should not be vigilant and concerned about inverted hind feet at birth would be a mistake, but neither should breeders overreact by attempting surgery or reverting to euthanasia. In this case, it's best to let nature take its course.

Reprinted from Bully Babblers, Jan 2009, original source www.thebca.org

G. William Andree, 204 S. Beach Dr., Monticello, IN 47960.



Rescued Human

I rescued a human today.

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

Submitted by Jen Kvidera-Lentsch

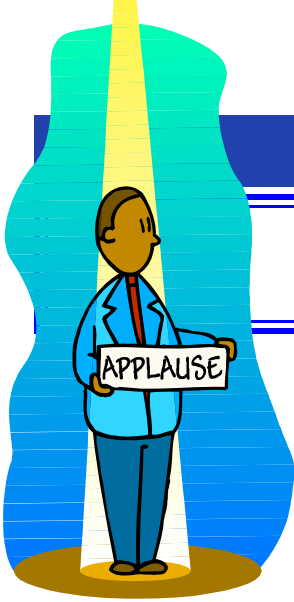
This is the coolest video! It is of a dog drinking water in slow motion. Go to the following link to see it!

<http://www.petplace.com/dog-videos.aspx?p=90>

Submitted by Sheryll Maxx



Braggs



Ch. Reingold Just Amazing (Mazey) whelped a litter of 2 males, 1 female on December 13th. Sire of the litter is Ch. Silverspoons Nothing Personal (Cooper). Proud owners are Rita Guthmiller & Reiny Guthmiller.

New Champion Brookhollow Artemis Delilah finished with 4 majors (1 Specialty major) at 15 months old.

Bred by Diana Engeszer and Brookhollow Kennels, Owned by Diana Engeszer, Artemis Bulldogs in St. Louis MO.

Sire: Ch Beulaland's Incred'bl Stormi Dam: Brookhollow Something Wicked



Reingold Cut To The Chase, owned by Rita & Reiny Guthmiller went Winners Dog at the Bulldog Club of Central Iowa under breeder judge Jack Brown at the age of 11 months for a four point major.

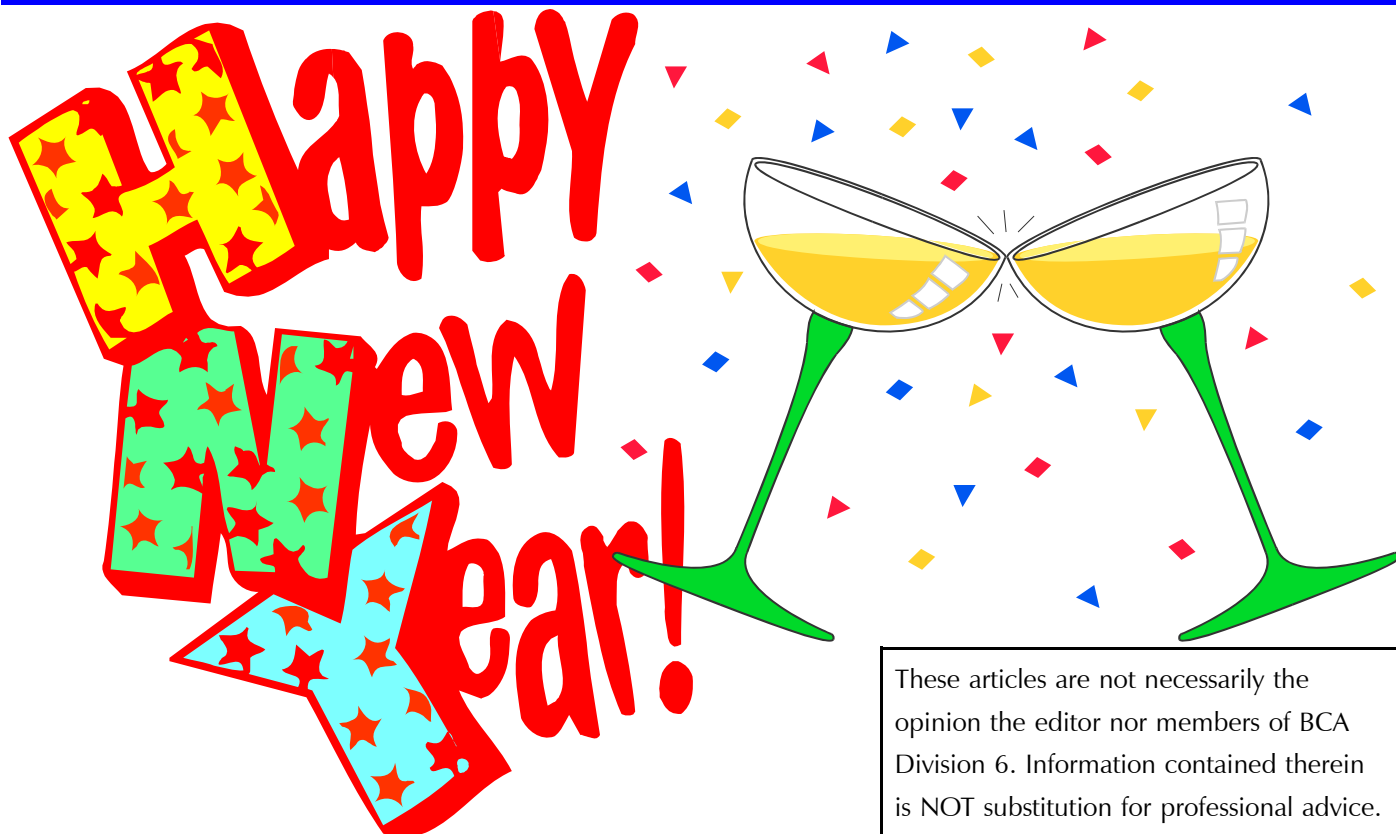
Ch. Pantheon Resounding Rusalka (Rubi) finished her championship title on 11/09/2008 with a Best of Breed win! Rubi's career also includes a 5 point major, and several Best of Opposite wins. Rubi owns Chris Osterloh & Karen Zimny.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.



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