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Dear Members,

The last twelve months have been very good to the club. We reorganized, increased balances in the general and rescue accounts, and built an excellent website. We published multiple newsletters, rescued and placed 14 dogs in new homes, increased our membership and hosted the January specialty shows, which included a large entry of dogs. We held the Second Annual Puppy Pandemonium, hosted a seminar on training your new puppy, and had a fabulous banquet and auction.

I thank our members, sponsors and participants for helping our club to achieve all of this. The knowledge we have gained and the fundamentals we have put in place over the last 12 months will help us continue to improve services for our members and our breed in the coming years.

On February 7 we held our February board and general meetings, which were hosted by Ms Jennifer O'Brien Pfeiffer. We thank Jennifer for being a gracious hostess. The secretary announced that the members attending met the requirement for a quorum. There were also several guests in attendance.

The following appointments were made by the Board and announced at the general meeting:

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nominating Committee:
Chairman: Ed Quigley
Member: Jan O'Nan
Member: Robert Kimbrell
Alternates:
Jim Neumann and Nancy Irvin

January 2011 Specialty Show (Brooksville)
Chairman: Ed McLean
members: TBD by Ed McLean

Silverwood 2011
Co-Chairs:
Ann Chatfield and Jan O'Nan

We congratulate all the above appointees and thank them for accepting the responsibility that their positions will demand.

The secretary will be sending out announcements for our April Meeting. Please make sure to mark your calendars and attend this important meeting. The Nominating Committee will announce their candidates for the new board of directors and nominations from the floor can be made by the membership. Please read the requirements in the By-Laws to refresh yourself on the procedures and requirements for nominating a board member. If you can't find your By-Laws, they can be downloaded from the website.

I look forward to seeing you in April.
Sincerely,
Walter J. Baval, Jr.



ADOPTING A BULL TERRIER

Important Reading by Rhonda Camfield

Maybe you already have a bull terrier that has brought such joy into your life that you decide if one is good, two would be better. Maybe you feel that your dog (of any breed) “needs a playmate”, thinking that all that energy could be expelled playing with another dog. Your dog enjoys the company of other dogs and usually plays well with others, so why not adopt a bull terrier companion for him or her?

Please take this decision very seriously! Just because your dog gets along well with other dogs is no promise that a full time dog in the home 24/7 will be accepted. Your dog could resent sharing the spotlight and getting all the attention, being the center of the universe. Think about your family, friends and acquaintances; while you may appreciate them and enjoy the time you spend together, this doesn't mean it would be the best thing to live together.

Consider the dog that's in need of his own family and home. They foster dogs have a history which more often than not we don't know. If the dog has been in foster care long enough and evaluated by experienced caretakers, we can make an educated assumption of the best possible environment for *that* dog. What we cannot predict is what you, your family and your dog will do when the new dog comes into your family.

Before you bring an additional dog into your life, consider the relationship you have with your current dog. Is he or she confident, demanding, protective, obedient, and jealous of your attention, obsessive with toys or food? Is your dog trained to obey simple obedience commands? If there are any behaviors that you consider needing

some work, don't expect another dog to do this for you. It's up to you to train your bull terrier in such a way that he/she is predictable and trustworthy. Once you've made the decision to apply for adoption of a Bull Terrier, be aware of the policies and application process. If a dog is available that could be a possible good match for your family, please be patient in working with the foster care provider. No one knows this dog's individuality as well as the person caring for it. A meeting should be scheduled for you to bring your dog to meet the foster parent and possibly the dog. You may be asked to make more than one visit.

Once you've reached this point, the dogs should meet in a neutral territory; for example; not my house/yard, not your house/yard, both dogs on leash and under control. Let them meet, sniff each other, being aware of any body language that tells you if either one is uncomfortable. Walk away, spend a few minutes away from each other and silently evaluate what you have seen and felt. Re-introduce the dogs, again with close supervision, on leash. Never allow them off leash together to check each other out. You'll probably see a lot of sniffing and maybe some posturing, but watch silently and confidently, while being alert to distress from either dog.

Again, separate them and each go your own way for a short time. You may repeat this as many times as necessary until everyone is comfortable with each other. This will give you but a glimpse of how the individual personalities react to each other, at least in neutral territory. It would be wonderfully advantageous to bring the new dog to the home of the potential adoptors', but due to distance and travel, this may not always be possible. If it is possible, it will give you all the opportunity to see the resident dog's reaction to the same

dog in its own environment. If all goes well with the initial meeting, congratulations! The newly adopted dog must have a crate and both dogs be given ample time and space to become acclimated to each other and all the changes it brings into the energy of the home. A common error is allowing the dogs too much freedom and time together at the beginning. Introductions must be taken slowly! You will need to treat each dog as an individual and not rely on the assumption that they will learn to accept each other. Think of it as if you have or had multiple children. You would not put a 4-year old in charge of a toddler. You cannot encourage one dog to be superior over the other. Do not reinforce the dominance of dog over the other. Treat them equally and be certain that you are the respected leader in charge. The dogs should be walked separately, one dog, one handler. While going for a walk together may be OK, both dogs should not be walked at the same time by one person. Even short outings to the yard for potty breaks must be individual and supervised.



OLLIE HAS BEEN ADOPTED
He's "Archer" now.

A very bare minimum of 7 days should be allowed before introducing any new stimuli. Let each dog build their confidence level and the new dog begins to feel secure. This time frame may become weeks and even months. You can't rush the process! Keeping all things predictable helps relieve anxiety and stress. When dogs don't have to decide for themselves how they should act with another dog or person, and this decision is made for them by their person, they can relax in knowing that *you* have everything under control. They will have no reason to feel defensive or protective toward another being. When they know what your expectations are, they also learn the boundary limits of their own behavior.

The dogs should not be fed together, they should not have free playtime together. Physical activity is stimulating, especially with another dog. Stimulation can lead to adrenalization which equals the flight/fight mechanism. A fight can very quickly break out where only moments ago the dogs were happily playing together. For the dog that can control himself during play, this playtime can be rewarding, but for the dog that hasn't yet learned self control, this could turn catastrophic. It's much better and even easier to be safe than sorry.

While it may seem that all is well, the dogs are getting along beautifully, there's no need for so much concern, you may be right! But remember you don't know what experiences your newly adopted bull terrier may have had, and it's always so much better to take your time, learn to read the subtle body language and observe the interactions between the dogs. Over time the two (or more) of them will hopefully become good friends, but this is not always the case. Bull Terriers are "people dogs" and jealousy can rear its ugly head. They are, after all, Bull

Terriers and the genetic shadow of their history lurks. Many bullies do find comfort and joy with another dog and what a blessing that is. But please know that this doesn't mean every Bull Terrier will react in the same way. They are all as unique and individual as we humans are. This must be the priority of concern when placing a rescue into a new home. Be respectful of those individual differences.

Keep in touch with your rescue chairman for advice and please give them updates of the progress you are making. The most common reason I have seen for an adoption not working out, is that the dog was exposed to too much too soon. This is a lifetime commitment and it's your responsibility to make every effort toward a successful transition for all concerned. If you realize that perhaps the adoption was not in the best interest of the dogs, do the right thing, contact the Bull Terrier rescue representative to let them know the situation. Even if it means finding another home for the dog.

After all, it's all about the dog!



Rhonda Camfield
Canine Behavior Consultant
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Thank you Rhonda, for sharing this important article with the BTCTB. It should not be seen as a negative response to those who might wish to add to their doggie family, or to foster, but rather as a realistic guide to doing so.
The Editor

SILVERWOOD CHAIRMEN Appointed by the Board

At the Board Meeting in February the Board of Directors of our club named the Chairman of the 2011 Silverwood Committee. Jan O'Nan and Anne Chatfield will be heading up the committee, as co-chairs, and Rebecca Quigley will be acting as the consultant for publicity and branding for our next BIG BIG event. Rebecca, Jan and Dawn Scheibly plan to be manning the booster booth at the 2010 Silverwood in Pennsylvania.



One of the first tasks the Silverwood Committee will be completing is a full review of the host hotel's allocated spaces and a comparison to the space we had at the 2008 Silverwood; a business manager will be appointed to the committee to act as the liaison with the hotel.

Volunteers for other positions, such as vendor coordinator and volunteer coordinator are being asked to contact

Jan and Anne.

Friday: Mr Desmond Murphy

Coloreds:

BOV:WD/BOW: OLD ENGLAND'S FALCON (Anita & Walter Baval)
 RWD: Skyline Defies Dazlin (Amy Woodman)
 WB/BOS: TERJO'S CELTIC BROKEN ARROW (Paul & Miriam Hopkins)
 RWB: OLD ENGLAND DUTCHESS OF SILVER (Melissa L & Steven McConnell & Anita L & Walter Baval)

Whites:

BOV: CH BULLY MANOR'S CENTURION (Phyllis Azeur)
 BOS: CH ACTION PURE CLASS (Stephen L Butcher & Channa Beth Butcher & Franne Berez)
 WD:AUBURN BRINGN THE HEAT (Kelly & Maggie Bruegger)
 RWD: FIRST CONTACT WISH ON A STAR (Albert Smith)
 WB/BOW: QUICKSILVER STELLAR SENSATION (Linda Maddox)
 RWB: OLD ENGLAND'S WHITE WAVE. (Gary Landry & Anita Baval & Walter Baval)

Saturday

Sweeps Judge : Mrs Melanie Whitehair

Best in Sweep Colored: Old England's Falcon (Anita & Walter Baval)
 Best in Sweeps White: OLD ENGLAND'S VISITING ANGEL (Anita & Walter Baval)

Reg Classes: Mr. David Alexander

Coloreds:

BOV:WB/BOW: TERJO'S CELTIC BROKEN ARROW (Paul & Miriam Hopkins)
 WD:/BOS: ICENI WYNDWARD POINT (Penny Midulla & Lynne Myall & Maureen Campbell Hegg)
 RWD: Skyline Defies Dazlin (Amy Woodman)
 RWB: OLD ENGLAND DUTCHESS OF SILVER (Melissa L & Steven McConnell & Anita L & Walter Baval):

Whites:

BOV: ROCKY TOP'S SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE (Lori & Greg Stafford & Rebecca & William F Poole)
 BOS: CH. OLD ENGLAND'S WHITE KNIGHT. (Gary Landry & Anita Baval)
 WD: : FIRST CONTACT WISH ON A STAR (Albert Smith)
 RWD: BULLY MANOR'S HUNTER (Phyllis Azeur)
 WB/BOW: QUICKSILVER STELLAR SENSATION (Linda Maddox)
 RWB: GRISSEBASSE TYRANNOUS ANGEL (Colin & Lisa Greaney)

Sunday: Mrs. Mary Remer

Coloreds:

BOV:TERJO'S CELTIC BROKEN ARROW (Paul & Miriam Hopkins)
 BW/BOW/BOS: Skyline Defies Dazlin (Amy Woodman)
 WB: SUPER BOWL'S HARDTOGET (Paula Pressler-Tash)
 RWB: OLD ENGLAND DUTCHESS OF SILVER (Melissa L & Steven McConnell & Anita L & Walter Baval)

Whites:

BOV: CH ACTION PURE CLASS (Stephen L Butcher & Channa Beth Butcher & Franne Berez)
 BOS: CH BULLY MANOR'S CENTURION (Phyllis Azeur)
 WD: BULLY MANOR'S HUNTER (Phyllis Azeur)
 No RWD
 WB: GRISSEBASSE TYRANNOUS ANGEL (Colin & Lisa Greaney)
 RWB: OLD ENGLAND'S VISIING ANGEL (Anita & Walter Baval)



Photos submitted by Ed McClean

Hard to believe, but another Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay Specialty Show weekend in Brooksville has come and gone for another year! Thanks to the Total Team Effort, our Specialty Show Weekend was NOTHING less than SPECTACULAR both in and out of the show ring.

Thanks to our First Lady - Anita Baval - who took care of the tedious paperwork with the hosting clubs and our visiting judges! Applications, contracts, etc! Well done! Jan O'Nan did a fantastic job coordinating awards and trophies with Anita and then making sure they all made it to the show site and handed out to the proper recipients! Thanks Jan! Jennifer O'Brien Pfeiffer was a valuable contributor on several fronts. She was able to get fabulous gift baskets donated to the Saturday night auction and helped out extensively with Margaritaville and the BBQ! Thanks! The "Rebecca & Jan Show" was flawless as they organized the Margaritaville Hospitality Room and Puppy Pandemonium fun match. This 'Dynamic Duo' was joined by Dawn Scheibly who was helped out everywhere! and BIG thanks to husbands Eddie & Jack who were also very helpful and instrumental in our many successes!

Joan Spangler did a great job securing beer, wine and sodas at deeply discounted prices for our Saturday night BBQ "Madame Money" as I like to call Joan, also helped out by squiring our BTCA President Ms. Mary Remer about and all while her husband was very sick at home and unable to attend. Thanks! Thanks to former BTCTB president Skip Greaney who helped out by acting as steward for the Puppy Pandemonium match! Much appreciated! BTCA member Linda Maddox also stepped in for Becky Poole and did an admirable job judging our Puppy Pandemonium. Special thanks to Linda Neuman who took entries and issued numbers for the puppy match; it was her baptism by fire!! More special thanks to my lovely wife Karen McLean who did a magnificent job with the Saturday night BBQ that the club hosted! With Jennifer, these two teamed up to create a fabulous room for our festivities!

Again, THANKS to EVERYONE who played a part in making our Specialty Club Weekend the success that it was! It was a great Specialty Weekend that showed the BTNation that the Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay is bigger and better than ever.

Ed McLane, Show Chairman

SPECIAL MENTION

Thank You to ebullterriers.com

THANKS to ebullterriers.com editor June Krukenkamp. June did a fabulous job with our club's ads leading up to the Specialty Weekend in Brooksville. After the show, ebullterriers.com ran a special page (free of charge!) to celebrate our Specialty Weekend with complete Show results and candid shots (seen on the previous page) of the events. June's patience was a major plus as getting all the pictures to her in a timely manner (and way past the deadline) to create the page wasn't exactly easy. I would like to encourage ALL of our members and friends to consider advertising with ebullterriers.com now and in the future. Contact June at: editor@ebullterriers.com

Ed McLean




PETFINDER NEWS

One of the great tools that Petfinder has is the weekly total of how many people have looked at each of the dogs we have listed with them. Several weeks ago the numbers were phenomenal!

We had almost 400 people view Jake, and over a hundred views of Spike. People are also looking at the "Happy Tails" where we have pictures and stories of all the dogs we have placed since we started listing our dogs with Petfinders. Many of the views result in at least a phone inquiry or email query, and the number of applications for dogs in also increasing.





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ATTS UPDATE

Manatee Kennel Club to Hold Local Test in 2010

Manatee Kennel Club is planning to hold its own Sanctioned Temperament Test in the fall. MKC is planning to hold the test after the heat of the summer, and there will be opportunities for members of our club not only to test their dogs, but to serve as station workers and apprentice testers also. Any members interested in finding out more about the American Temperament Testing Society testing process should go to their website www.atts.org for information and to register as an apprentice tester applicant. You can also ask Rebecca Quigley about the ATTS, and watch for information on our club website. Information on the Manatee Test will be available 120 days before the event.

Rebecca has now tested 80 dogs and hopes to complete the required testing and fulfill her other requirements soon, so she can take her exam and qualify as a Temperament Tester, which will qualify her to test dogs in our rescue program and work to help other similar organizations.

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TIME FOR WINE FUNDRAISER

Hey Members!! We all know our club needs to raise money. We are currently rolling out a 3 phase plan with Time for Wine, a company that hosts wine parties and sells interesting private label wines. Phase one of the fund raising plan requires as many of our members as possible to host a "Charity Wine Party." This is very labor non-intensive!! All you need to do is contact our Time for Wine Consultant, Cheryl Visalli at (813) 664-1430, (813) 857- 2437 and set up a date. You should gather as many of your friends as possible and charge 20 to 25 dollars each to attend. You supply the appropriate munchies. The wine merchant may need 5 dollars depending on the number of guests you have. Then, whatever you have left after covering your own overhead, goes to the Club! THEN, here's the good part: 10% of all sales made from your party and all residual sales from your party for a period of one year goes to the Club!! What a painless way to help the Club!! So, please, any of you who don't mind a nice party and some good wine, please sign up to participate. The Silverwood Committee is working on rolling out phase 2. We'll let you all know when that starts.

Dawn
Wine Fundraiser Coordinator



KIMBRELLS AWARDED 1ST ANNUAL AWARD

Thanks and CONGRATULATIONS to Carolyn and Robert Kimbrell, our club's recipients of the first annual Rescue Award for the never-ending work they have performed for our Rescue. Not only has Carolyn Fostered 2 and sometimes 3 dogs at a time for our rescue, but who hasn't shed a tear at least one tear over Robert's amazing rescue slideshows; these slideshows, posted on YouTube, have been seen by friends of bullies worldwide! (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpC-LA9wOa0>) Robert's photographic record "the Rescue Scrapbook" will provide a record of our work for all to see in the future. Members and friends of the club who saw the Rescue Scrapbook at the banquet were amazed to see such a complete record of our Rescue Committee's first year.

CAROLYN AND ROBERT EMBODY THE SPIRIT AND THE DEDICATION THAT WE NEED TO KEEP OUR RESCUE COMMITTEE MOVING FORWARD, they show us all that ideas and innovation, hard work and teamwork, is what will keep our rescue committee moving forward and able to provide the very best for our rescue dogs.

Rebecca

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

It's finally March, and I, for one, will be glad to see the end of this winter. I hope we will have some sweet, comfortable weather to enjoy before our thermometers creep into the red zone.

This is also a time of change for our club as we move from the frenzy and activity of the Brooksville Shows, our club dinner and auction to preparation for our club's future plans.

As the seasons change from winter to spring and summer, our club will be having our election, our annual meeting, and a vote on the By-Law changes required as we pursue our AKC affiliation. The BTCTB will also work towards our 501(c)3 status so that people can make tax-free donations and our Silverwood chairmen will be laying the groundwork for our 2011 show in Orlando.

All this work will occur as we continue to enjoy the company of each other and our dogs at the club meetings and other BTCTB events. I invite you to become involved; join us and have some fun.

Eddie



TESS, BEBE AND DIVA

Ringside at the Puppy Fun Match, we realized that we had 3 Rescue Bullies and called them into the ring for an impromptu Rescue Parade! Thank you to Tess and her mom, Anne Chatfield, and to Jim and Bebe Neumann, who were joined by new member Rhett Redpath and the delightful Diva. Not in the picture are Linda Neumann, who was busy taking entries for the Puppy Match, and Carol Brown, who was in shock at the sight of so many Bull Terriers in one place!!