

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

We're building a great club. At our recent board and membership meetings on April 26, I was pleased to observe the many members participating and contributing to the betterment of the club. It reminded me of a quote: "Diversity of input makes for stronger output". We do have diverse input, and I will share with you some of the output.

Rebecca, Carolyn, Dawn and all of the volunteers have knocked the ball out of the park with Rescue. I am very proud of their progress, restraint, empathy and results. You can read more rescue news throughout this newsletter.

If you have visited the club website recently, you know that Eddie has been hard at work. He welcomes members to participate with any suggestions or information that you might like to see included in your club web site.

Joan Spangler, our treasurer, reported on the club's recent fund-raiser. Congratulations to all of us for raising \$2000.00 for the clubs treasury. I am very happy to report that a financial statement was passed out to the members. You will see an updated report at each meeting. Any member who did not attend the meeting has the right to request a copy from the treasurer. Joan has been working very hard. She continues to recover the details from the 2008 checking accounts and from the club credit card.

Dawn has consistently prepared excellent Board and Member meeting minutes. She has a very important and difficult job. The next time you see Dawn, please thank her for the many hours she spends working for the club. Great job, Dawn.

Jennifer gave a report on the publicity committee and welcomed Lucille Passione as the BTCTB's new member liaison; Lucille will produce and maintain the club's member directory and be our representative in charge of welcoming new members. We're looking forward to a lot of good things coming from this committee.

Ed McLean prepared a report on the January 2010 regional dog shows in Brooksville. We're all looking forward to his promised down-home barbecue. He tells us: "You won't be disappointed." Ed and Karen have donated one of the **best** Spud's McKenzie collections in the country to our club. Their collection will be auctioned off to raise funds for

our club. We thank you, Ed and Karen, for your continued support.

I personally want to thank club member Melissa McConnell for accepting the responsibility of preparing the first guest editor article for our newsletter. Melissa is very knowledgeable about natural and holistic medicine. Who will be our next guest editor?

After listening to the members at the last meeting, I am excited when I think "What would happen if every member contributed with some help or talent?" I ask every member to PLEASE contribute an article for the newsletter or a story for our website, an item for the auction, a photograph or just give some help to your club this year.

Before I sign off I must thank Robert and Carolyn Kimbrell for hosting the April 26 meetings at their home in Fort Myers, and I also want to say a special thank you to the members and guests who took time out of their busy weekend to attend. Till next time.

Cheers
Walter J. Bavol Jr.

COMING SOON
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Members, we will send you e-mail notification when our logos are available on t-shirts and other merchandise at www.cafepress.com. All proceeds of these sales will go to our club.

Do you have an idea or a design that would look great on a T-shirt? Send your ideas to quiglet@aol.com.

And yes, that is our Rescue poster boy SPUDS, who has joined Cassandra Appleman and her family. Congratulations, Cassandra, on your handsome new family member.

THE PATH TO REHABILITATION

Rescue Guidelines from the BTCA

THE THREE R'S: REST, RELAXATION, RESPECT Rhonda Camfield, Bull Terrier Rescue & Rehabilitation and Canine Behavior Consultant

REST

(the absence of work, motion or activity)

Total and complete rest is required for at least 4-7 days. Do not demand or ask anything of the dog. Feed and exercise only! If you must take the dog on leash for outdoor elimination, do so quietly. Use short sweet praise when called for. Do not jerk the leash. Do not scold or use a harsh voice, no matter what. It's equally important to not appear patronizing. Remain non-judgmental and use a soft tone of voice without emotion. Do nothing but tend to the dog's physical needs, remain neutral. Isolation is a must for the dog to rest. Physical restriction at this time is crucial.

If a case history is available, keep in mind it is just that, a history. If the dog were to write the history it would likely be different from what you have been told. Do not judge any behavior you see, just remain non-judgmental.

RELAXATION

(to make less severe or strict, to relieve tension or strain)



The dog must be placed in a calm atmosphere. Quiet is paramount. No children's voices, family noise, or physical activity surrounding the dog. Imagine what it might take to make you feel relaxed after a traumatic or especially stressful experience. By allowing the dog to come to terms with

new surroundings, you will not unknowingly trigger any behavior which may be why he/she ended up in Rescue. He is only what he is, right now, at this moment.

RESPECT

(esteem, have regard for, to avoid violation of, to concern)

This is often the most difficult for some to follow through totally and completely. Re-read the above; to avoid violation of. When a dog comes into foster care, especially directly from the street, a shelter or from any other situation, no one knows what, in the dog's mind, is a violation. Give him some space physically and emotionally !! Observe without judgment. In this critical time, you control the end result. You can either add to his/her emotional baggage or help him/her un-load it. Take your time, respect a possible lack of trust, respect the fears, need for comfort and solitude and above all, respect the truth that dogs have emotions

and feelings.

Please follow these guidelines, allowing a minimum of 3-7 days. Each dog is an individual and may benefit from even longer periods of adjustment. You'll see a different dog in a week !

Give him/her every opportunity to overcome any fears or anxieties. You'll be rewarded many times over.



Rebecca's comment: I have 3 more Rs to add: this is **Required Reading for Rescue**. I have to add that following this advise is not that easy to do, especially if you are eager to integrate a new bullie into your household, but it could mean the difference between disaster and delight, whether its a foster or a new member of your family.

RESCUE UPDATE



Isn't it amazing what a few days with food and love and medical care can do for a dog? Fritzie is currently undergoing treatment for heartworm at his foster home with the Quigleys, and you can read more in "Thoughts on Fostering" (on page 5 of the newsletter.)

Spuds now has a home. Arnold joined us last week and he's being fostered by Jennifer O'Brien Pfeiffer. Zeus, another owner surrender is being fostered by Carolyn Kimbrell down at the S.P.A.Y.L.E.E. farm in Ft. Myers along with Lovely Isabella Shiloh. Special thanks to S.P.A.Y.L.E.E. for the use of this lovely facility. Watch our website www.thebullterriercluboftampabay.com for rescue updates,

The BTCTB Rescue Crew have been busy getting the word out about our Rescue program. On April 25th, Dawn and Jack Scheibly, Anita Baval, and Eddie, Rebecca and Lulu Quigley all participated in the ASPCA Spring Adoption Expo in Tampa and on May 2nd, Anita, Rebecca and Lulu joined the Humane Society of Sarasota, Petsmart and the North Shore Animal League in their Annual Adoption Event. These events, and the Camp Bow Wow opening, provide us with the opportunity to educate the public about our breed, about rescue dogs, and help us raise money for rescue.



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

At our April club meeting, if you were listening to the new members being read in or to how much the committees have accomplished, or the pride members expressed in our club, it would be apparent that the BTCTB is thriving. If you have not been able to attend a meeting recently, hopefully The New Bullytin and our website at www.thebullterriercluboftampabay.com can give you a sense of the excitement our club is generating lately.

This is *your* club and this column is an invitation to increase your presence by sharing your talent in the newsletter and the web site. First, we would love to have our members contribute articles to The New Bullytin. This issue has the inauguration of "The Contributing Editor" column with a fine essay by Melissa McConnell. Submissions, however do not have to be major efforts, we would love to have a chance to share your voices on any page.

The website would benefit with more about members and their dogs. Ideas we have include: a page with pictures and stories about members and the dogs as they know and love; members and their show dogs; and a page of "in memory" to honor dogs who have passed away, but who will always be in our hearts.

Please, if you have other ideas, let us know and send us material by email to quiglet@aol.com or by the postal service to The Quigleys', 3180 Bellevue Street, Sarasota, FL 34237. Don't let your dog be left out!

CAMP BOW WOW ADOPTION EVENT

On a windy day in February, Dawn, Joan, and I participated in the Grand Opening and Adoption Event at Camp Bow Wow Tampa South Shore. Joan posed for pictures with her 2 rescue dogs, Abigail and Jackson, we networked with other rescue organizations and handed out brochures about Bull Terriers.



The event raised over \$800.00 which was divided between the 6 rescue groups that participated. Our share was \$137.46! We toured Camp Bow Wow and were so impressed with both the facility and the staff. You should check it out if you live down that way. Camp Bow Wow Tampa South Shore is located at 12218 Balm Riverview Rd, Riverview, FL.

We would like to thank Camp Bow Wow owner Doris, Terry, Pat and all the staff for inviting us to join their event.

Rebecca

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN... Surviving Springtime Allergy Season with Your Bull Terrier."



Ah, spring. We all love it, every living thing seems to bloom and come alive. With it, unfortunately comes new plants, grasses, weeds and of course pollen. Other common allergens would be food, flea bites and insect bites. Unlike people who display respiratory symptoms due to their allergies, dogs most commonly develop skin rashes. Understanding canine allergies & their management is the first step in protecting your

bull terrier. The second step would be knowing how to recognize them as allergies.

Skin is the largest organ of the body. In canines, it represents around 12-13% of an adult canine's body weight. That is why it is the primary indicator of allergic reactions. Allergens enter the dog's body by inhalation and direct contact with their skin. The most frequent signs that your bully is in the 1st stages of an allergic reaction is and area of redness, itching, hair loss, lesions or welts. These can lead to secondary infections if not properly cared for. Many animals will sneeze & have watery eyes. Your dog may rub its body on the floor, rub their face and ears, scratch themselves obsessively or they may chew and lick their paws and legs. If you see discoloration between your bully's toes, or under the armpit, or in the groin, it could be a sign of excessive chewing or licking. A reddish-brown stain results from their saliva. Allergies may play a part in chronic ear infections; always check ears frequently for discharge. Watch for poor coat texture, length or color and hot spots.

In order to overcome these frustrating symptoms, your approach in helping them needs to be thorough and systematic. Prevention is the key. I call it preventive maintenance.

Following a few simple steps daily can help and will keep you informed of the condition of your bully before things get out of hand.

Grooming your dog daily is the best way to know your babies body. Brushing them will not only build a loving trusting relationship with your dog, but will help you feel and observe the first sign of a problem. This helps you to evaluate problems as they arise before it gets out of control. Take a look between the toes: Does the skin look a healthy pink & clean? Or reddish and smelly? I have noticed with my own bullies this is the first place that will become red and inflamed when they have come in contact with anything that they are allergic to.

Are their nails healthy? Is there a reddish-brown discoloration on the nail itself starting at the top of the nail bed closest to the skin while the lower part of the nail remains healthy and of normal color? This could be the first sign of nail fungus.

Here are a few suggestions that you can follow that will help minimize and manage your bully's allergic reactions.

- First and foremost, feed a fresh healthy natural diet, non-chlorinated water and organic supplements to help build a strong immune system.
- Before going outside, spray your bully with an all-natural organic bug repellent. I have used a mist of white distilled vinegar successfully for years as a bug repellent.
- Pets are a major source of bringing allergens into your house. So, when coming back in, place a towel or rug at the doorway to catch dirt or pollen. A preventative dipping of the paws in white distilled vinegar and water will remove allergens. Dry between the toes and all over the paw area thoroughly. Do this especially on rainy days to prevent yeasty toes.
- An excellent all natural source to repel fleas, mosquitoes, ants, etc. in your yard is Mosquito Barrier and Diatomaceous Earth. Adding fresh garlic & raw organic apple cider vinegar to your bully's diet helps to repel fleas and other insects.
- Keep a clean home. Regularly vacuum and use an air purifier with a Hepa filter. Limit fabrics in your home. Allergens collect in rugs, drapes & upholstery. If fabrics are a big part of your décor, steam clean them regularly.
- Use hypo allergen bedding & pillows; buy laundry detergent free of perfume and dyes that is especially made for sensitive skin. Make sure your cleaning products are safe for pets. Be wary of air fresheners.
- Stay away from un-mowed grass. Ragweed pollen is more likely to be airborne in areas of high grass and weeds, as well as biting insects, fleas, mites and chiggers.
- Clean up leaves and other decaying matter promptly. It causes moisture, mold and a breeding place for mosquitoes.
- During allergy season, avoid outdoor activity during the morning hours between 5am-10am. Pollen tends to circulate most heavily at these times. Take advantage of the rain. Right after a rain, pollen counts are down.

- Brush your bully when returning indoors & bathe frequently. This helps prevent prolonged contact to mold spores, weeds, pollen, etc... that may lead to an allergic reaction. A few medicated shampoos that work well are Malesab and Chlorhexiderm. A more natural approach would be a Natural Organic Colloidal Oatmeal based shampoo, followed by 1/2 white distilled vinegar and 1/2 water rinse.
- Benedryl and Claritin are very effective in relieving your bully's allergy symptoms.
- Epsom Salt soaks in the bath relieves itching and swelling.
- Be careful with the sprays and ointments you choose, they can be potentially harmful.
- Omega 3 & Omega 6 fatty acids are natural anti-inflammatory agents. Fish oils, Evening Primrose oil and Borage oil are good sources.

The treatment of allergies should be approached by considering both Holistic and Traditional methods. A Veterinarian, whether holistic or traditional, will be a valuable resource to you and your family.

Allergies cannot be cured. However, you can learn how to manage them. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Mrs. Melissa L. McConnell

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THOUGHTS ON FOSTERING

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Fritz on Day 1

A new guest is staying over in our spare bedroom. Fritz is a wonderful dog who was only a few days away from being euthanized when our club rescued him. The sad, horrible truth is that if the club did not have a place where he could stay, he may have had to stay at the shelter, which would have meant his death.

Fritz was very sick and undernourished when the BTCTB was able to help him; he needed a quiet foster home for several months while he is being treated for heart-worm.

Rebecca and I have two bullies now, and while in the past we have had up to four dogs, we are not planning to adopt Fritz. The club needs “forever homes” for our rescue dogs, but the need for foster homes is just as critical. A foster home is a temporary haven, although someone who fosters may decide to adopt. A person who fosters assumes the day-to-day responsibility for the dog in need and plays a vital role in helping us discover “who the dog is.” Is he or she calm or high-strung, outgoing or shy, and how is the dog on a leash or around other animals or people?

We discover something new about Fritzie every day. We will surely love him even more by the time he is ready for adoption, but we know he is alive because we had space for him, and another bully will need that chance in the future.

That is the true meaning of fostering: finding a space in your home and in your heart for a dog who needs that space desperately. It is a blessing that there are members of our club that have found that space, if you can find it, please contact us.



Fritz is Happy!

BULLY BANTER AND BRAGS



MY MOMMY DRESSES ME FUNNY (PART 2)
Simba Scheibly is not amused.

“ It might be argued that all dogs, being creatures of nature, are quintessential. But the fact is that thoroughbred dogs aren’t natural at all, just another product of man’s endlessly energetic, shameless meddling. What a dog considers a great time a serious owner considers the business of breeding. And the dizzying spectrum of dogs, from chihuahua to Irish wolfhound, testifies to the instability of the breeder breed. Perhaps if someone had just produced the bull terrier in the first place, we’d have only one type of dog--the absolutely right kind--and we could get on with the work of breeding better politicians.”

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QUINTESSENCE THE QUALITY OF HAVING “IT” Betty Cornfeld and Owen Edwards, 1983, Crown Publishers



Joey Passione and Thomas the Kitty hang out. Joey would like to remind you that Thomas is a smart kitty and his claws are VERY VERY sharp.