



The Bullytin

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

On June 27, 2009 we held both the board and annual meeting at Clark and Joan Spangler's home in Dade City, Florida. We thank Clark and Joan for their gracious hospitality. The food was excellent and my favorite was the lasagna and the fine glass of liqueur I enjoyed after my meal. I also want to thank all the members who attended the meeting and a special thank you to the members who drove across the state. A special surprise was the attendance of new member Ann Chatfield who is rejoining the club after a long absence.

Rebecca Quigley was invited to update the board on her progress with Rescue. Her record keeping, budget balancing, inventory of Rescue Dogs and finding new homes for the placement of dogs was judged excellent. I believe the program Rebecca and her associates have put together may be a model that could be used throughout the country.

Your board discussed a new budget and how funds would be generated and allocated. We had some interesting view points. There was one moment I thought to myself "Is the bloom off the rose?" As the discussion progressed I could see the board is filled with independent thinkers who give good arguments for their proposals, yet keep spark in the discussion without being unprofessional.

The board has assigned Ed McLean and Eddie Quigley to review the clubs bylaws and make recommendations to the board and membership on additions or deletions we should consider. If anyone has suggestions on bylaw changes please contact Ed or Eddie and discuss.

Again, I want to thank everyone who participated in the matching fund raiser. We're all aware of the requirement to raise funds. I know we're not in the best economic climate but if every member would find one sponsor to donate to the club via cash or products it would help. Please make a commitment to yourself that you will find that one sponsor. Please call me to discuss some ideas. With everyone's help we will become a World Class Club.

See you in August.
Walter J. Bavol, Jr.



THINK AUCTION !

Artist Julie Graden has donated the original painting seen here for our

next club fundraiser. Way cool! If you would like to see **your** pup immortalized by this talented young artist, her biz card can be seen in the SPONSORS AND FRIENDS section of the newsletter.

SHOW NOTES

Work continues on the Show Committee, where issues as diverse as selecting trophies and deciding on a theme and logo for our 2011 Silverwood are the topics of discussion. If you have ideas for the Silverwood logo contact the Show Chair, Ed McLean at largelife@aol.com. He's also looking for volunteers to help at the dinner and the auction at the January shows.

BTCTB LIBRARY NEWS

Our Club library is growing. An anonymous donor has given us an autographed copy of *Kid in a Dog Suit* for the library, as well as 5 more copies that we can use to raise funds for our club.

This is a very exciting donation and our club is delighted to have such a generous friend. **THANK YOU!**

RESCUE NOTES

On June 26th, I had the good fortune to attend the Petfinder Adoption Options Event in Tampa.

I attended seminars on Marketing Your Pets Online, Grassroots Fundraising

and Open Adoptions, Lasting Relationships. I learned we're doing a lot right, but also ways to better serve the dogs we have in Rescue. The most impressive seminar was on Training Dogs for Adoptability and Long Term Housing, but the best of all was networking with other rescue groups and trading ideas for FUNDRAISING. More on these ideas and concepts in the months to come...we have some great opportunities ahead of us!

Rebecca

TEMPERAMENTAL?

In other rescue news, Rebecca has applied for, and been granted, Apprentice Status with the American Temperament Testing Society. The qualification and tests may take several years; the goal is to be able to better assess the dogs in rescue. Watch for news of Rebecca's progress in future newsletters.

General Information About the American Temperament Test Society, Inc. (ATTS)

"A Sound Mind in a Sound Body"

The American Temperament Test Society, Inc. (ATTS) is a national not-for-profit organization (registered in the state of Missouri) for the promotion of uniform temperament evaluation. ATTS was established to:

- Provide for a uniform national program of temperament testing of purebred and spayed/neutered mixed-breed dogs.
- Conduct seminars to disseminate information to dog owners, dog breeders and evaluators (testers) concerning dog psychology, motivation, reaction and other aspects of temperament testing.
- Recognize and award certificates to dogs that pass the requirements of the temperament evaluation.
- Work for the betterment of all breeds of dogs.

- Select, train, prepare and register temperament evaluators.

ATTS is the only non-profit organization that gives the TT (Temperament Tested) title for a dog. The test is for all breeds and it is uniform throughout the country.

ATTS was founded by Alfons Ertel in 1977. The first test was held in September 1977; ATTS has held more than 960 tests as of December 31, 2003. The number of dogs tested as of December 2007 is 28,010 with 22,847 dogs earning a TT title. The average overall pass rate is 81.6 percent; the pass rate may vary for different breeds. The breed's temperament, training, health and age of the dog is taken into account. Minimum age for dogs to take the test is 18 months.

The test takes about 12 minutes to complete. The dog is on a loose six-foot (6') lead and three ATTS trained evaluators score the dog. Majority rules. Failure on any part of the test is recognized when a dog shows panic, strong avoidance without recovery or unprovoked aggression.

National breed clubs can request the list of their breed which earned the TT for the previous year by sending a request accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelope. A request for a complete list of all dogs of any one breed which have earned a TT is available, but breeds which have more than five pages of dogs will need to cover the cost of copying and postage.

About Canine Temperament

Because of breed-specific dog legislation and negative publicity associated with many breeds of dogs, temperament testing has assumed an important role for today's dog fancier. The ATTS Temperament Test provides breeders a means for evaluating temperament and gives pet owners insight into their dog's behavior. It can have an impact on breeding programs and in educating owners about their dog's behavioral strengths and weaknesses as well as providing a positive influence on dog legislation.

What is temperament?

W. Handel, German Police Dog Trainer, in his article, "The Psychological Basis of Temperament Testing," defines temperament as:

"the sum total of all inborn and acquired physical and mental traits and talents which determines, forms and regulates behavior in the environment"

The ATTS test focuses on and measures different aspects of temperament such as stability, shyness, aggressiveness, and friendliness as well as the dog's instinct for protectiveness towards its handler and/or self-preservation in the face of a threat. The test is designed for the betterment of all breeds of dogs and takes into consideration each breed's inherent tendencies.

The test simulates a casual walk through the park or neighborhood where everyday life situations are encountered. During this walk, the dog experiences visual, auditory and tactile stimuli. Neutral, friendly and threatening situations are encountered, calling into play the dog's ability to distinguish between non-threatening situations and those calling for watchful and protective reactions. (From the ATTS Website)



SAVE THE DATE

The next meeting of the Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay will be on Sunday August 16th at Dawn and Jack Scheibly's house in Apollo Beach.

Watch your mail for the official notice!

"The Foxhounds may be good and the Greyhounds swift and the Russians and Danes fighters, but they are no use at all without the crowning moral force of grit, that none can supply so well as a Bull terrier."

Ernest Thompson Seton

FROM THE V.P.



On June 27, we had our Annual Meeting. Our club is strong and looks forward to success in the areas of Rescue, Shows, Membership and Fundraising. All of these programs have a relationship to our website, www.thebullterriercluboftampabay.com.

Our website is doing fantastically well; statistics show that we have had over 6,000 visits to the site since March, when it came back online, after being briefly dismantled. What is exciting is that every month there is an increase in visits. We hope to promote our site and increase visits, while instituting a "PayPal" option for fundraising. Our website is also where Rescue has had the most frequent inquiries about our dogs needing forever homes.

Unfortunately, as some of you have noticed, there have been recent problems on our website. There have been links that have been broken, pages or pictures that didn't load, and warning messages would appear when trying to access the site. Our hosting company has stated that our site was "hacked" and files were corrupted through the FTP upload feature. One Web Hosting has also stated that this could not have been an accident, but that it was deliberate.

The problem has been corrected, and except for some annoyance to me, the only damage was to the dogs in rescue, which need working website exposure to find homes. Obviously, concern for these dogs is not a priority to the hackers.

Near where I live is a new park, with a playground, a picnic area, rest-rooms and 2 small lakes. It's enjoyed by many families, we have park cleanup days, and we use the pavilion for our neighborhood association meetings. The park has also been a focus for vandalism; trash cans have been thrown in the ponds, benches broken and bathrooms defaced with graffiti.

I mention my neighborhood park

because there are similarities with it and our club being victimized by petty vandalism. There are also similarities in the determination of the good people of our neighborhood and of our club: we will not let negative, malicious people ruin something positive; we will work to repair any damage, and keep trying to build something good. Please continue visiting our website, and if you notice any problems, contact me at quiglet@aol.com.

Eddie Quigley

AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION PODCAST

The AKC Canine Health Foundation has released a podcast about Canine Skin Allergies. The program, part of their series, *Genome Barks*, features the work of Bruce Hammerberg DVM, PhD, a professor of immunology and paracitology at the College of Veterinary Medicine North Carolina State University. Dr Hammerberg has spent the last decade studying allergic diseases in breeds as diverse as Bull Terriers and Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

You can access this, and any other of the AKC Canine Health Foundation podcast through the AKC website at www.akc.org, through the AKC Canine Health Foundation website at www.akcchf.org, - click on "Podcasts", through Apple's iTunes and at www.genomebarks.com, (click on the Archives December 08.)

You might want to ask your vet if he or she has seen it...

STOP THE PRESSES!

PUPPIES have arrived at the Bavols'! Walt and Anita are proud to announce the birth of 8 bullie babies on July 11.

Sire: CH Silver Bullet the Joker at Javarke, a Rufus son bred at the Joker Kennels in Germany and owned by Joy Pilkington.

Dam: Ch Old England's Lady Elizabeth ROM. Lizzy finished her AKC Championship and completed her ROM in 4 weekends of showing, she was also a finalist at the 2008 Silverwood. Her father is CH Rock Tops Doc Holiday ROM and her mother is CH

Old England's Perfect Balance. Scarlet was awarded brood bitch Emeritus for 2008. This award is given to a bitch that produces three or more ROM winners in one litter.

Puppies: Four whites and four coloreds. Four girls and four boys, both whites and colored, looking for good homes.

Please call Walter J Baval Jr at 941-9261000 .

MEET OUR DOGS

This part of the newsletter is dedicated to our member's dogs, past and present. Our feature dog this month is Jan O'Nan's Ethan.

Jan originally owned, bred and showed Afghan Hounds, she had been a member of the Manatee Kennel club for a number of years past, when one day her husband Michael said he wanted a bulldog. Checking the classifieds for bulldogs they saw an advertisement for bull terrier pups. Jan contacted fellow Manatee KC members Jim and Kathy Cavanaugh who bred bull terriers...and so began Jan's Bullie story. Duke (CH Marion M Morrison) was the first of her bullies. Duke and their next bully, Suzee, along with Jan, her daughter Traci and Michael, were a familiar sight cruising the waters off Sarasota in their boat, and playing on the sandbars at low tide!



CH. JTM's Little Big Man (Ethan, above) was Jan's third Bull Terrier,

and the first that she finished from the Bred-By Classes. Ethan's dam was Jan's Simaril Sue Zuki (Suzee) bred by Carl Pew. His sire was CH. Wildeagle Silmaril Snidley (Neville) bred by the Cavanaugh's. Ethan was a single-ton pup, and was very attached to Jan. "He was always kind of a weirdo" says Jan, "but he was my baby!"

Jan also remembers how good he was with the tortoises (Jan and Michael have a collection of African Spur Thigh Tortoises and a Galapagos Tortoise named Darwin!)

Jan had always taken her bullies to Paulette Braun for all their holiday portraits, and was thrilled when one of Paulette's photos of Ethan was used on the front cover of Dog Fancy (September Issue 1999), not only was Ethan the "coverdog" but his photo was also featured as the centerfold and foldout feature for the article too!!

Ethan passed away in 2006 at the age of 11, but he will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.



Billie and Vegas' Irvin (above) will be featured in the next issue of the Bullytin. Would you like to see your pups featured in future issues? Send your story and pictures to Rebecca at quiglet@aol.com!! C'mon, you know you want to....

SPONSORS AND FRIENDS

A Portrait of Your Pet that you will always Treasure.
Original Watercolor by Artist: Julie Graden



\$150 for an 11 x 17
Price includes
2" mat and shipping.
It can easily be framed
in a 18" x 24"
ready made frame.

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Shouldn't your business card or kennel listing appear here? Contact Rebecca at quiglet@aol.com for more info.

"The Bar Sinister" Again.

That dog story by Richard Harding Davis, which some months ago made its appearance in Scribner's Magazine and was subsequently published in volume form with a collection of short tales, now makes its independent appearance in a small, but appropriately illustrated volume. Persons who, from the first, have had a fondness for this story, will be pleased to recognize the magazine pictures—only handsomely colored—while in order to make up for the thinly printed pages most excellent vignettes have been introduced. ("The Bar Sinister." New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50.)

This is a story which will live, both on account of its originality and of its admirable narrative interest, but more especially because there is human sympathy in it of a delicate and most appealing kind. The artist, E. M. Ashe, has deftly caught the author's meaning, and his pictures are true illustrations; they suggest as much as they depict. But what will doubtless particularly please the lovers of "The Bar Sinister" is the fact that in this edition the author relates the "facts" upon which the story is based. Here is a passage:

In the dog world, the original of the bull terrier in the story is known as Edgewood Cold Steel, and to his intimates as "Kid." His father was Lord Minto, a thoroughbred bull terrier, well known in Canada, but the story of Kid's life is that his mother was a black-and-tan named Vic. She was a lady of doubtful pedigree. Among her offspring by Lord Minto, so I have been informed by many Canadian dog fanciers, breeders, and exhibitors, was the only white puppy, Kid, in a litter of black-and-tans. He made his first appearance in the show world in 1900 in Toronto, where, under the judging of Mr. Charles H. Mason, he was easily first. During that year, when he came to our kennels, and in the two years following, he carried off many blue ribbons and cups at nearly every first-class show in the country. The other dog, "Jimmy Jocks," who, in the book was his friend and mentor, was in real life his friend and companion, Woodcote Jumbo, or "Jaggers," an aristocratic son of a long line of English champions. He has gone to that place where some day all good dogs must go.

All lovers of dogs as well as students of human nature who were first attracted to this admirable little story are sure to find renewed satisfaction in its latest setting which makes of it a most alluring gift book.

The New York Times

Published: November 7, 1903
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As mentioned in a previous issue of the Bullytin, we now have a first edition of The Bar Sinister in our Club's library. This is the 1903 New York Times book review of The Bar Sinister. The New York Times also published a notice of the death of Edgewood Cold Steel (the hero of the book) in 1906.

FROM THE RESCUE CREW



UPDATE LOVELY ISABELLA SHILOH "BELLA"

Bella, once known as Shiloh, has settled right in as the resident Bull Terrier at the Hillsboro Club.



Dear Rebecca,
Here's a photo for an update on Bella. As you can see, she has become one of the family. I will send more pictures a little later. She's doing great. Everyone loves her and she loves everyone except for cats! Best regards,
Dan Dodge

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Running the rescue program requires a lot of paperwork. Our office supply budget is way bigger than I had hoped it would be. An idea I got at the Adoption Options seminar is to start a wish-list for just such items. The next time you go to the store to buy printer paper or stamps, won't you please consider picking up an extra packet for the club ?

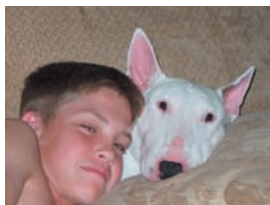
Wish List

- Manilla file folders
- Large mailing envelopes
- Stamps
- HP Black Ink #56
- Letter size printer paper



HELLO MACKENSIE!

This is Mackensie, and she is a very special girl. Miss M. is 5 years old and she is deaf. She joined our rescue program in the first week of June, and for now she is with her foster family, led by Dr. Jonathan Blake at Blake Veterinary Hospital in Dade City. Mackensie also has some medical issues but Dr. Blake has had complete success with medication. Due to her deafness, she has social issues with other dogs, and needs to be an only pet. Her original owner said she knows some basic hand signals and we hope to discover what they are. She rides back and forth to work every day with Dr. Blake and has fun. But she wants her forever home...



And while we're speaking of forever homes...here is Spuds relaxing at his new home. 2 happy boys, wouldn't you say?

MORE RESCUE NEWS

The Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay Rescue Committee is now recognized as an official breed rescue with a number of SPCAs and shelters around the state. We have established relationships with shelters in Orlando, Key West, Sarasota, Naples and Tampa, to name but a few. We provide contact information and offer assistance when local shelters have placed Bullies, we provide handouts about the breed and we have taken several shelter bullies into our program. One local SPCA worked with us to hold a Bullie until we could find a suitable foster home.

These relationships can only benefit all parties.

Our website, the BTCA website and the powerful Rescue Video produced by Robert Kimbrell Have brought us kudos from throughout the States and as far away as Alberta, Canada and even Australia. Robert has posted the updated Rescue Video on YouTube !! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IL6icvronsQ>

FRITZIE IS ADOPTED



NEWSFLASH!
Fritzie has found a home with the Costa Family of Tampa. The Costas recently lost their beloved rescue girl Ivy to cancer, and they lost no time in finding a new bullie friend to love.

SHARKY & BABY GIRL



Sharky (top) and Baby Girl (Bebe) are two of our latest rescue participants. Watch our website for updates on their progress.