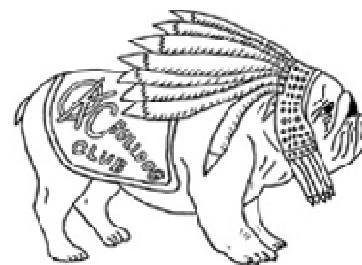




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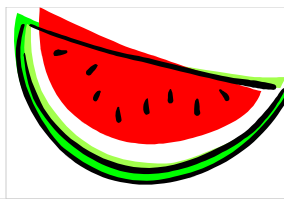


August 4, 2009

Summer At its Finest

What could be better than getting together with friends, family, and neighbors for good food, drink, conversation, and of course—— Home made Ice Cream!

The OKC Bulldog Club had its annual Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 12, at the Martins beautiful home. Thanks to them for hosting. We had a nice turn out and even members from up North, (Elaine Andrew), came to share in the festivities. There was great food, wonderful side dishes, fresh fruit, not to mention that wonderful, mouthwatering home made Ice Cream. Thank you to all of those who provided the cuisine, as it was delicious. We also made quick with an important club meeting. The nominations for the Division officers were made and voted on. After the meeting, the socializing continued, until it was time to call it a day, and head back to our homes. Its always a great event, and we all look forward to getting together again soon. Whether it be in the ring, at a social event, or Nationals! Bulldoggers love to socialize and visit with each other and discuss everything from home remodeling, to a show prospect, or a rescue bulldog story. Its all there to choose from, and more. Drop in sometime on a group of Bulldoggers, and you won't be disappointed. You may even leave a bit enlightened.



The OKC Bulldog Club had its annual Ice Cream Social ...at the Martins beautiful home

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Way to Represent!

At the recent AKC Canine Experience, hosted by the OKCKC at the State Fair grounds, Don and Kim Bryson, Mel and Rod Berger, and Helen Harwell represented the OKCBC well with a breed booth and a bulldog rescue booth! They had quite a few inquiries about the breed, and passed out information and literature from the AKC, BCA and BCARN. Don and Kim presented a slide show from last years specialty, as well as rescue, and the rescue parade.

Don, Kim, Helen, as well as Cindy Carlson, a future member, all participated in an AKC sanctioned B-match, both Saturday and Sunday. They even managed to invite a bulldog owner, who had come to just check things out, to participate on Sunday. Saturday, Don and Kim's new baby, Bryson's Crown Jewel of Westbury, "Diamond" won BoB puppy and a Group 3 puppy.

Sunday, Bryson's Royal Wizard of Westbury, "Wizard" won BoB puppy and a Group 2 puppy.

It was a good time for new and old alike. We all learned a lot and had fun, which after all, is what B-matches are all about. Don got a good workout, thanks to a very ardent judge (can you say, down and back 7 times?), and as a bonus, the club gets credit for its AKC requirements to maintain its charter.

Reminder!

The Bulldog Club of Greater Tulsa will be having its Specialty Show, Aug 29-30.

Companion Dog School of Tulsa, 4411 South 91 East Street, Tulsa, OK

Show Chair, Linda Pinegar, Sharon Price- 918-279-1122

Show Sec: Nancy Dowe,

918-381-9810

Meeting Minutes

Oklahoma City Bulldog Club, Inc.

Monthly Meeting

07/12/2009

◀Call to Order:

- President Bill Dixon, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

◀Roll Call of Officers:

- President: Bill Dixon – Present
- Vice President: Elizabeth Hugo-Milam – Absent
- Treasurer: Cathey Martin - Present
- Secretary: Helen Harwell - Absent

Board of Directors:

- Jim Armstrong - Present
- Dino Bell – Absent
- Rod Berger - Absent

◀Minutes of last meeting:

- Motion made by Jim Armstrong to accept the previous month's minutes as printed in the BullSheet. Bob Newcomb seconded the motion. All present were in favor

◀Report of President:

- President thanked DeWayne & Cathey Martin for hosting this year's annual Ice Cream Social at their new home.
- Advised that the Club had been invited to take part in the OKCKC Meet The Breed event to be held July 31 and August 1, 2009. Also asked for input regarding decorations for the booth.

◀Report of Secretary:

- No report

◀Report of Treasurer:

- Club's August Financial report ~ Expenses \$0.00; Income \$219.00 ~ \$209.00 from supported entry at the OKC Summer Classic and \$10 from one Futurity entry.
- Bob Newcomb asked if the Club had input in the selection of the judges and he was advised that we did. Jim Armstrong suggested that for the 2010 OKC Summer Classic that the club suggest a provisional judge for one of our judge selections. This issue will be re-addressed at the August meeting.

◀Report of Committees:

- No Committee Reports

◀New Business:

- Nominations for Division IV officers need to be received by July 31, 2009. Letters accepting nominations must be submitted with the nominations along with a copy of the minutes of the meeting. President asked if there were any nominations. Rajeanna Dixon made a motion that Dan Bandy be nominated for Division IV President. Joel Wilson, DVM seconded the motion. All present were in favor of the nomination.
- Bob Newcomb made a motion that Jim Armstrong be nominated for the Division IV Board of Governors. Motion was seconded by Dan Bandy. All present were in favor.
- Bob Newcomb made a motion that Joel Wilson, DVM be nominated for a Division IV Councilor position. Seconded by Cathey Martin. All present were in favor.

Meeting Minutes cont.

•Next OKCBC Meeting will be Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m. at a location to be announced later.

◀Refreshments for August Meeting

•Bob & Linda Vincent

◀Adjournment:

Bob Newcomb made the motion to adjourn. Nancy Newcomb seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rajeanna Dixon for Helen Harwell

Ask the Vet

with Dr. Nancy Newcomb, DVM

Canine bloat aka Gastric Dilation Volvulus(GDV) is an acute life threatening disorder that is a medical and most often surgical emergency. The exact cause is unknown for sure. Anatomic predisposition may play a major role for sure as dogs that are deep chested are the most commonly affected. It is rare to occur in small dogs and cats. Gulping of food and swallowing large amounts of air or water can cause the stomach to swell or dilate thus giving the bloated appearance in the upper abdomen. Delayed emptying of the stomach can also contribute. Overeating, dry cereal based diets and exercise after eating have been suggested as a cause but never proven. Another theory is that there could be a bacteria that plays a role in it. Over the years, I have seen 2 bitches that developed GDV about a day or so after having a c-section. I believe that our short backed bitches with large litters are predisposed after removing the pups from the abdomen. Perhaps after such a space/volume loss some body organs like the stomach may become displaced. But that is just speculation on my part. Clinical signs are abdominal distension, unproductive vomiting, respiratory distress and salivating. Seek medical attention immediately for this condition. Unfortunately many dogs are found dead or expire on the way to seek medical care. Initially a small bore stomach tube is passed to relieve the bloat(followed by a larger bore tube) but sometimes this cannot be done if the volvulus(twisting) if the stomach is severe. The dog may be sedated with some IV valium for this. Very rarely is just passing a stomach tube enough to take care of the problem. Animals should be stabilized with IV fluids including KCL, antibiotics and anti-inflammatories before attempting surgical intervention as many secondary problems can occur such as endotoxemia, acid base imbalance, hypokalemia and heart irregularity. Anesthesia can add to these problems if the animal is not stabilized but sometimes there is not time to do a proper job. The goal of surgical intervention is to reposition the stomach and spleen after decompression. Sometimes tissue has to be removed if it has been without blood supply. The stomach is also permanently fixed to the body wall as there is a 70-75% chance of recurrence. Prevention is trying to control the causes mentioned above. Use common sense when feeding, watering and exercising, especially with young pups and very short backed dogs. Some things such as body conformation/anatomy cannot be controlled. As a breeder I always attempt to do these things but nothing is 100% and it was heartbreaking for me to find a 6 month old pup dead in his run one morning some years ago. He was fine the evening before. He was very short backed and would occasionally look bloated after a meal sometimes no matter what I did.

Nancy Newcomb, DVM

Show Brags

Houston over the weekend. Newcomb's Konner J Sat - BOB, Sun BOB GR 2. (Heres pictures from the OKC All-Breed Grp Placement & St. Paul/Mpl BC BISS win. Congrats to the Newcombs).



Rescue Corner

with Don and Kim Bryson

Well, wouldn't ya know it. We get a call from a lady who had been given a bulldog, The person had discovered this young fella (maybe 2 years old) wondering around a local lake. So, Buddy, was a twice over rescue! Now his current attendant, was a fearful that she could not afford to care for him. I went and took a picture of him, went through some temperament testing, and counseled her on what the breed had to offer, both positive and negative. She said she couldn't afford to keep him. I told her I understood and that we would get him enrolled in the program and he would become a "in-home surrender". She agreed, and the next week, I scheduled his vet check and neuter. We met, and she handed him off to me. I told her, I would bring him back to her for her to foster, until we got him a home. That was Monday... Thursday, the vet clinic called and told me, Buddy was ready to go. I was about to call the now-foster, when my phone rang. It was her. She explained that she had made quite a few drastic financial adjustments, and could not bear to think of her life without Buddy! She asked what she had to do to keep him now. Well very simple. Since she had signed a surrender form, Buddy was a ward of BCARN. So she would pay the posted adoption fee and sign an adoption contract, just as every other prospective adoptee had done. I had already done a home visit, and would have no problem placing a bulldog in her home. She had the knowledge of the breed, so there ya go. I returned Buddy to her and they are doing well, except for a couple of accidents in the home. I'm thinking its just his way of showing his disapproval of her considering sending him to another forever home.

—*for they all deserve a forever home*

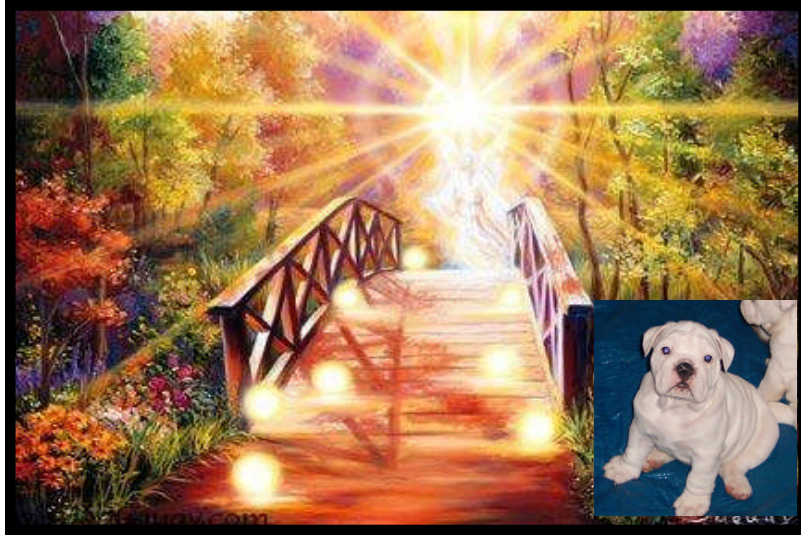


Iz beez otay wiff my new foweber home!

The Rainbow Bridge

July 13, 2009. 5:14pm, The Rainbow Bridge received our baby, Casper. He succumbed to complications of GDV. The entire staff of Town and Country Vet Clinic, dropped everything, and moved heaven and earth to save him, we are so grateful to them, but it was not to be.

We now move forward in our endeavors, without him. We will devote this upcoming show season/effort, to "Honorary Champion" Bryson's White Knight of Westbury. Rest in peace lil' buddy. Cya at the Bridge.



By the edge of a woods, at the foot of a hill,
Is a lush, green meadow where time stands still.
Where the friends of man and woman do run,
When their time on earth is over and done.

For here, between this world and the next,
Is a place where each beloved creature finds rest.
On this golden land, they wait and they play,
Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day.

No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness,
For here they are whole, their lives filled with gladness.
Their limbs are restored, their health renewed,
Their bodies have healed, with strength imbued.

They romp through the grass, without even a care,
Until one day they start, and sniff at the air.
All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back,
Then all of a sudden, one breaks from the pack.

For just at that instant, their eyes have met;
Together again, both person and pet.
So they run to each other, these friends from long past,
The time of their parting is over at last.

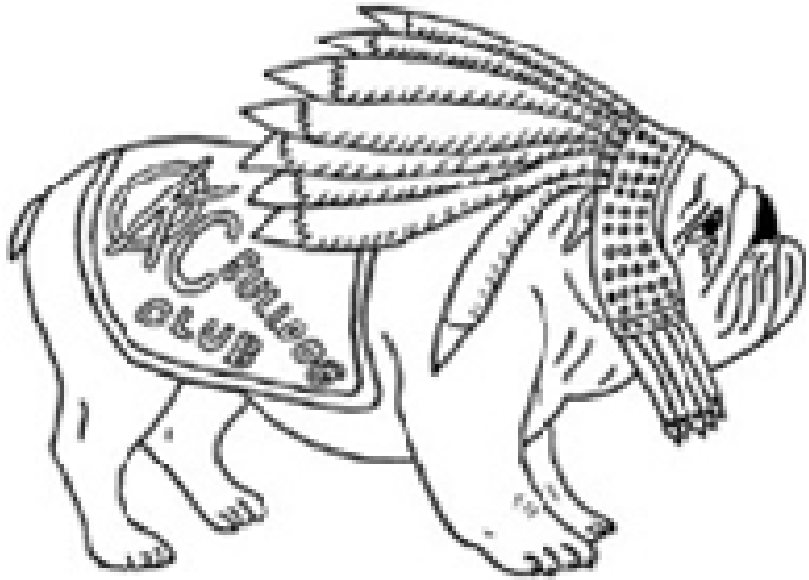
The sadness they felt while they were apart,
Has turned into joy once more in each heart.
They embrace with a love that will last forever,
And then, side-by-side, they cross over... together

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The next meeting of the OKCBC will be August 11, 6:30 PM, at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Norman OK



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Secretary - Helen Harwell, 405/615-0653 **Board of Directors-** Dino Bell 405-440-9616, Rod Berger 405/354-2462 Jim Armstrong 405/329-0066

Back of the Pack

by The Editor

I come to the end of this very challenging edition. I have been doing this for about 3 years, and it always seems to be a challenge to present a balanced representation between, club happenings, bulldog general knowledge and information, humor, brags, and since its now on the internet, something, we as bulldoggers would want published for the general publics scrutiny! After our "Black Monday", this Bullsheet basically wrote itself. We had the clubs happenings, vet article, an obituary, show brags, and an editorial. While Kim and I aren't openly spiritual, there have been things that have happened; that we can say without a doubt, had Divine Guidance.

After we put Caspers story out, the condolences came flooding in. It told us that we weren't alone and it encouraged us to get up and press on. It is a credit to the bulldoggers that we associate with, the many that told us that they too had been there, and how they coped... and went on. I told everyone, that I knew it would come someday. We expected it in the first hours, days, but not 15 weeks out. Additionally, it was unfortunately, another rite of passage to be true Bulldoggers. Well, the brand has been seared on our hearts. An indelible mark made on our bulldog memoirs. But as Dave Clark told me, in the phone call we had, as I was returning from Shawnee, that fateful day. This is a unique moment in some peoples lives, that either says "I give up" or "I will recover".

Well, all Kim and I can collectively say is, "There is a reason for everything". The lil guy had a purpose, we will forever learn and teach the things we gained from his existence and his end.

Oh, and as for give up, or recover? —>

.....Cya in the Ring !!!

Wrinkles Rule!!!