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The Bulldog Club of Philadelphia**



Happy New Year!

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The regular meetings of the
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Tuesday of every month (with the exception of
July & August) at 8:00 PM

Advertising in the Liberty Bull

Advertising is available in the Liberty Bull on a yearly
basis. Please see the enclosed advertising rate sheet for

The views and opinions of submitted articles are not
necessarily those of the Editor. Please credit the
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copied from our
bulletin.

**Don't miss the January
meeting!!!
1/15/08 8:00 PM**



**Visit the Club's website at:
www.bcofphilly.homestead.com**

Membership !!

Bulldog Club of Philadelphia Application for Membership

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
SPONSORED BY: _____

Member MUST be in good standing
Optional: Birthdate: _____ Anniversary: _____

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

(Circle one)

<i>Voting Membership:</i>	<i>Non-Voting Membership:</i>
Regular - annual fee \$12.00	Associate - annual fee \$10.00
Household - annual fee \$15.00	Assoc. Family - annual fee \$13.00

The objects of the Bulldog Club of Philadelphia are: to further the advancement of Bulldogs and to encourage the propagation of pure-bred Bulldogs in the area in which the Club operates. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all pure-bred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows. Finally, to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

We encourage your participation in all club activities. Members please indicate your interests by checking your preference.

INTERESTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> Training |
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*Questions?
Please Contact:*

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(856)446-7036

Please forward your application with your check

**** Time to renew **
your dues!!!**

**Please don't forget to renew your
Membership!!**

Invite a friend to join the Club!!

Send check to:

Earle McCloe

14 E. Wellington Mews

Smyrna, DE 19977

(856)466-7036

Let's get our membership numbers up!!!

Renew today!!!



Renewals can be made online also at:

www.bcofphilly.homestead.com

President's Message ...

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Author Unknown

To leave the old with a burst of song
To recall the rights and forgive the wrong;
To forgive the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;

To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the non-worthwhile of the days grown old;
To dare to go forth with a purpose true;
To the unknown task of the year that's new,

To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a
very Happy, Healthy New Year !!

Nikki



Fundraisers !!

Taking orders now!!!!

BCA Division 1

Is having a fundraiser!!

**BCA Division 1 jacket with the BCA
logo on the back.**

&

**Your name and kennel name
embroidered on the front!!**

Choice of colors:

Royal Blue & White

Purple & White

Hunter green & White

Black & White

Maroon & White

Navy & White

Red & White

Navy & Gold

Red & Black

These jackets are very nice!!

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Please get your orders in ASAP!!

Contact Sharon Pupek

781-293-6716

Or

rubysmaly@aol.com

Bulldog Information !!

A man in Grand Rapids, Michigan incredibly took out a \$7000 full page ad in the paper to present the following essay to the people of his community.

HOW COULD YOU? By Jim Willis, 2001

When I was a puppy, I entertained you with my antics and made you laugh. You called me your child, and despite a number of chewed shoes and a couple of murdered throw pillows, I became your best friend. Whenever I was "bad," you'd shake your finger at me and ask "How could you?" -- but then you'd relent and roll me over for a bellyrub.

My housebreaking took a little longer than expected, because you were terribly busy, but we worked on that together. I remember those nights of nuzzling you in bed and listening to your confidences and secret dreams, and I believed that life could not be any more perfect.

We went for long walks and runs in the park, car rides, stops for ice cream (I only got the cone because "ice cream is bad for dogs" you said), and I took long naps in the sun waiting for you to come home at the end of the day.

Gradually, you began spending more time at work and on your career, and more time searching for a human mate. I waited for you patiently, comforted you through heartbreaks and disappointments, never chided you about bad decisions, and romped with glee at your homecomings, and when you fell in love.

She, now your wife, is not a "dog person" -- still I welcomed her into our home, tried to show her affection, and obeyed her. I was happy because you were happy. Then the human babies came along and I shared your excitement. I was fascinated by their pinkness, how they smelled, and I wanted to mother them, too. Only she and you worried that I might hurt them, and I spent most of my time banished to another room, or to a dog crate.

Oh, how I wanted to love them, but I became a prisoner of love." As they began to grow, I became their friend. They clung to my fur and pulled themselves up on wobbly legs, poked fingers in my eyes, investigated my ears and gave me kisses on my nose. I loved everything about them and their touch -- because your touch was now so infrequent -- and I would've defended them with my life if need be. I would sneak into their beds and listen to their worries and secret dreams, and together we waited for the sound of your car in the driveway. There had been a time, when others asked you if you had a dog, that you produced a photo of me from your wallet and told them stories about me. These past few years, you just answered "yes" and changed the subject.

I had gone from being "your dog" to "just a dog," and you resented every expenditure on my behalf. Now, you have a new career opportunity in another city, and you and they will be moving to an apartment that does not allow pets. You've made the right decision for your "family," but there was a time when I was your only family. I was excited about the car ride until we arrived at the animal shelter. It smelled of dogs and cats, of fear, of hopelessness. You filled out the paperwork and said "I know you will find a good home for her." They shrugged and gave you a pained look. They understand the realities facing a middle-aged dog, even one with "papers." You had to pry your son's fingers loose from my collar as he screamed "No, Daddy! Please don't let them take my dog!" And I worried for him, and what lessons you had just taught him about friendship and loyalty, about love and responsibility, and about respect for all life.

You gave me a good-bye pat on the head, avoided my eyes, and politely refused to take my collar and leash with you. You had a deadline to meet and now I have one, too. After you left, the two nice ladies said you probably knew about your upcoming move months ago and made no attempt to find me another good home. They shook their heads and asked, "How could you?"

They are as attentive to us here in the shelter as their busy schedules allow. They feed us, of course, but I lost my appetite days ago. At first, whenever anyone passed my pen, I rushed to the front, hoping it was you that you had changed your mind -- that this was all a bad dream... or I hoped it would at least be someone who cared, anyone who might save me.

When I realized I could not compete with the frolicking for attention of happy puppies, oblivious to their own fate, I retreated to a far corner and waited. I heard her footsteps as she came for me at the end of the day, and I padded along the aisle after her to a separate room.

A blissfully quiet room. She placed me on the table and rubbed my ears, and told me not to worry. My heart pounded in anticipation of what was to come, but there was also a sense of relief. The prisoner of love had run out of days.

As is my nature, I was more concerned about her. The burden which she bears weighs heavily on her, and I know that, the same way I knew your every mood. She gently placed a tourniquet around my foreleg as a tear ran down her cheek. I licked her hand in the same way I used to comfort you so many years ago. She expertly slid the hypodermic needle into my vein. As I felt the sting and the cool liquid coursing through my body, I lay down sleepily, looked into her kind eyes and murmured "How could you?"

Perhaps because she understood my dogspeak, she said "I'm so sorry."

She hugged me, and hurriedly explained it was her job to make sure I went to a better place, where I wouldn't be ignored or abused or abandoned, or have to fend for myself -- a place of love and light so very different from this earthly place. And with my last bit of energy, I tried to convey to her with a thump of my tail that my "How could you?" was not directed at her.

It was directed at you, My Beloved Master, I was thinking of you. I will think of you and wait for you forever. May everyone in your life continue to show you so much loyalty.

A Note from the Author: If "How Could You?" brought tears to your eyes as you read it, as it did to mine as I wrote it, it is because it is the composite story of the millions of formerly "owned" pets who die each year in American & Canadian animal shelters. Please use this to help educate, on your websites, in newsletters, on animal shelter and vet office bulletin boards. Tell the public that the decision to add a pet to the family is an important one for life, that animals deserve our love and sensible care, that finding another appropriate home for your animal is your responsibility and any local humane society or animal welfare league can offer you good advice, and that all life is precious. .

Please pass this on to everyone, not to hurt them or make them sad, but it could save maybe, even one, unwanted pet.

Remember...They love UNCONDITIONALLY.

**Please read this essay and remember
to
support your local rescue group!**

**Remember to be a responsible dog
owner!**

**Remember to educate those people
that may come in your path and need
help!**

Bulldog Club of Philadelphia

**Breeder Referral
Kathryn Jacobsen
bullchow@embarqmail.com
908-479-4409**

Rescue !!



HeavenSent Bulldog Rescue Needs our HELP!!!

**Comforters, Leads, Beds, Collars, Shampoo, Dog bowls
Toys, Treats, Towels, Crates, Xpens, Wipes
Gold bond powder, Dog food or coupons**

Volunteers!!!

**Transport help
Foster homes
Home checks**

**Please bring any items to the next
meeting or contact:**

HSrescue@aol.com

Or visit

www.heavensentbulldogrescue.com

100% of all donations go to the rescue Bulldogs!!

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PLEASE HELP SUPPORT RESCUE!!!!!!

**2008 Mid Atlantic Bullyfest date to be
announced soon !!**

Check our site for details!!!

**Rescue Bulldog
of the
Month**

“Tiger”



Tiger's Tale

We met Tiger at a shelter. The people who turned him in told the shelter staff he was 12 years old and because of his severe hip dysplasia and near-blindness should be euthanized.

Tiger's story was fabricated. The truth is that he has dry eye and some mild entropion, but he sees just fine. He seems to have never seen stairs before, but learned quickly, and does steps incredibly well. He also hops up on the couch when he wants to, and trots around the house

following us everywhere. Between his natural agility and the vet's opinion, we think it's safe to say he has absolutely NO hip dysplasia. The really amazing thing is that our vet thinks he's closer to six or seven years old – and he's certainly not 12!

Tiger is small – he only weighs 43 pounds - but he is perfect in every way – and he is huge on personality. His beautiful red and white coat became apparent after we washed the grime away - before that, we actually thought he was a dark brindle!! He has wrinkly front ankles that make him look like he's wearing baggy socks and big adorable paws. He still has some small skin abrasions that are clearing up nicely, and some concrete marks, but other than that, he's in excellent condition!

Tiger's situation really makes us wonder. Did someone turn him in to be euthanized *knowing* there was nothing wrong with him?

Did his person die and someone else turned him in, making assumptions about his age and health? Or did whoever took him to that shelter just not have a clue?

Well – no matter at this point! Tiger thinks he's found his forever home – he's had many to choose from – so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers while he makes his final selection.

Until then, he's happy and safe in his foster home - and we're thrilled to have him. This boy is a real sweetheart and happy, happy, happy!! He's an equal opportunity snuggler, too.

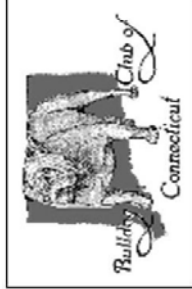
You can see Tiger's video by clicking on this link – but be sure to put the sound ON.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lr5PBCrkZ0E>



Events !!

**Three Great Days!!!
Three Great Shows
One Fabulous Location
April 4, 5 & 6, 2008**



We have a Photographer –
who will take Show Photos., Portrait
Style photos as well as Candid.
There will be a 50/50, raffle items,
ring favors, Goody bags.
Evening Hospitality
Friday & Saturday evening.
Saturday Evening –
Bulldog Bingo Party with prizes
CCC Testing
Plenty of RV Parking
Contact Nikki at
bermea22@comcast.net



Friday – April 4, 2008
Sweepstakes Judge – pending
Class Judge – Chris S Neilson
Saturday – April 5, 2008
Sweepstakes Judge – Claudia Brown
Class Judge – Gail Knight
Sunday – April 6, 2008
Sweepstakes Judge – Arma Figueroa
Class Judge – Kay Gray



Holiday Inn at Cherry Hill
Route 70 & Sayer Ave
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Show Secretary:
Earle McCloe
14 E Wellington Mews
Smyrna, De 19977
856-466-7036

DON'T MISS THIS!!!
Bulldog Club of Philadelphia
PUPPY MATCH - Sunday May 25, 2008



Come & enjoy a fun filled day with BULLDOGS!!!
Leashed dogs are welcome!!

Location:

The Hugo Home

175 Taunton Lake Rd., Marlton NJ

Don't forget about the summer themed costume contest!!!
Vendors, Breed Booth, Rescue Booth & More!!!!

ADMISSION INCLUDES LUNCH

Adults—\$6.00

Children under 12 - \$3.00

Lunch served at 1:45 pm

Judging to follow lunch

Don't forget a comfy chair, flea & tick spray

****PETS WELCOME****

Spayed & neutered dogs cannot be shown.

Judge: pending

Puppy Classes (dogs & bitches):

3-4 mo, 4-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo.

Adult

Jr. Handling

Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy Bitch

Best Puppy in Match

Best Adult

Directions:

From Tacony Palmyra Bridge - Route 73 South to Bradley Funeral Home. (1 mile south of Marlton circle). Take jug handle around the funeral home & get on Marlton Pkwy. Go 2 miles, Hugo's on the left.

From Ben Franklin Bridge - Route 70 east to Marlton circle (Olga's Diner) Make a right on 73 south. Follow above directions.

From North - Take 295 south to route 73 south. Follow above directions.

From South - Take 295 north to route 73 south. Follow above directions.

From NJ Turnpike - Take exit 4 to route 73 south. Follow above directions.

Any questions contact: Nikki Bermea 609-231-6096

Club Support !!

We need volunteers that plan to attend the upcoming specialty shows to help man the National Merchandise table.

A table will be set up during show hours each day. Please step up to the plate and volunteer your time to support our Club and the 2008 BCA National Show Week!!!

**Lenape Bulldog Club Show - 1/19 & 1/20
Riveredge
2017 Bernville Rd.
Reading, PA 19601**

**Garden Specialty Show Weekend - 2/8—2/10
Meadowlands Expo Center
355 Plaza Dr.
Secaucus, NJ 07094**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Member Brags!!

Something To Brag About!!!!

**Congrats to everyone on their
wonderful brags!!!**

Ch Royal Hug-O-Bull Lady Priscilla

Priscilla went BOB at the Sand & Sea Kennel Club
show in Palm Springs, CA !!!!

Congrats to Helen DeAmicis, Norma Hugo,
Elizabeth Hugo Milam & Jack Milam



National's Week !!

The Bulldog Club of America



**2008 National Specialty Week
November 23 - 29, 2008**

Liberty and Bulldogs for All!!!

**Host Hotel -
Sheraton Reading Hotel
610-376-3811**

Be sure to mention "Bulldog Club of America" for special rate. Guests that require special needs or assistance should request to stay in the Tower rooms. A \$50 security deposit will be required if you have dogs, \$40 will be refunded at check out.

**Vendors should contact Kathryn Jacobsen for more info.
908-479-4409
bullchow@embarqmail.com**

**Reserved Ringside Seating
\$25.00 per seat for the week
Send names together to Nikki Bermea
609-861-5851
bermea22@comcast.net
850 Hamilton Ave.
Woodbine, NJ 08270**

**BCA National Raffle
50" flat screen plasma tv
Wine rack with hand painted English tiles
4 Days stay at the Sheratn Reading Hotel
\$5/ticket or 6 for \$25**

**BCA Rescue Network Parade
Entries are by application
Contact Kathy DelGrande
717-571-3965
poolgirl17110@hotmail.com**

**Catalog Advertising
Deadline - 10/1/08
Contact Nikki Bermea
609-861-5851
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**RV Parking
Deadline - 10/25/08
Contact - Bob Gilmour
610-495-5099
apkennel@aol.com**

Catalog orders
\$25.00 prepaid
\$25.00 purchased at show (if available)
\$30.00 marked and mailed
Deadline - 10/15/08

2008 BCA National Website
www.2008nationals.homestead.com
Further information and updates:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nationals2008>

Banquet
11/28/08
For more info contact
MJ Stabinski Heckman
610-539-2968
redbrickbulldogs@comcast.net
\$45.00
Deadline - 11/3/08
Beef tenderloin, Chicken Wellington, Stuffed
Flounder, Vegetarian Lasagna
Salad, rolls, veges, dessert, coffee, tea included

Basket Contest
Best Individual State Basket
Best Individual Themed Basket
Best Club Basket
Best Division Basket
People's Choice Award Basket
Entries should be brought to the show, and include a
written description and overall value of the basket.
Those wishing to enter will make a gift basket,
representing the state they are from or theme of their
choice. The basket will be raffled off and the basket in
each group with the most tickets will win the prize!!
Have fun with this!!!

Golf Tournament
Monday, November 24, 2008
\$65.00
Includes lunch, cart, golf and prizes
Deadline - 11/1/08
Contact—Paul Thornburg
pablothndr@earthlink.net

Trophy Pledges for all 3 shows
Contact— Kathryn Jacobsen
908-479-4409
bullchow@embarqmail.com

JUDGES

BCA NATIONAL SHOW

SWEEPSTAKES

DOGS & BEST IN SWEEPS - DAN KARSHNER
BITCHES - JENNIFER JOSEPH

CLASSES

OBEDIENCE & RALLY - PATRICIA HESS
INTERSEX - ELIZABETH KARSHNER
DOGS- RICK FRANZ
BITCHES - KELLY FRANZ
JR. SHOWMANSHIP - MARY FRENCH HALL

BULLDOG CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

INTERSEX - DUANE MILLER
DOGS - DARA CARR
BITCHES - CAROLINE MILLER

BCA DIVISION I

INTERSEX - WAYNE BROWER
DOGS - PATRICIA ROPP
BITCHES - MARK KENNEDY

Logo Merchandise
Contact Nikki Bermea for orders
609-861-5851
bermea22@comcast.net
Merchandise will also be available at the Division's
specialty shows.

Any questions, concerns, special needs please contact
Nikki Bermea.

Our goal is to make the 2008 BCA National Show Week
a week to remember. It will be the most over the top
National show ever and we hope that you will be there
to help us!!

We are still looking for Welcome bag items & \$100
Sponsorships. Please try to help us!!!

Liberty and Bulldogs for All !!!



Advertising Section !!

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Advertising Rates

The Liberty Bull

12 Issues

Business card \$10

Half page (4 1/4 X 5 1/2) \$40

Full page ((5 1/2 X 8 1/2) \$75

** all ad copy must be camera ready**

And require no changes or adjustments
before printing

**Please mail your camera ready ad, along with a check or
money order made payable to:**

“Bulldog Club of Philadelphia”

The Liberty Bull

Bulldog Club of Philadelphia

850 Hamilton Ave.

Woodbine, NJ 08270

If you have any questions, please call Nikki at:
609-861-5851

Covers now available!

Please call now to reserve your cover of the Liberty Bull!

Available each month for \$40.00

This will be a color picture!

*Cherokee Clover Teagartha
"Stout"*



SIRE: CH. Cherokee Dakota Robert
DAM: CH. Cherokee Legend Shillelagh

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BCA Rescue Group each
year.



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Baird Collectibles, Travel Crocks, Bulldog Jewelry and
more!!!

For More Information or

To place an order:

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Catalogs and price lists available on request

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Reminders!!

Don't Forget!!!!

**** RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!**

**** Meeting - 1/15/08**

****JANUARY MEETING****

**** Nationals merchandise sales**

**** Nationals plans**

**** April show plans**

**Are you interesting in being on the
Fundraising/ Ways & Means committee??
Education committee??
Business Manager??**

If so, please attend the January 15, 2008 meeting at 8pm!!



**Fundraising committee/Ways & Means -
A Chairperson & Members working
together to come up with
fundraising ideas for the Club, to be carried out at
upcoming shows and other events.**

**Education Committee - A Chairperson & members
to set up a table with educational materials about
Bulldogs, Rescue, Health, Dog Shows. A “meet the
breed” type of booth. To be set up at our Specialty
shows and Match shows.**

**Business Manager - Someone that will house the
Club’s merchandise, track inventory, set up
merchandise table at Specialty shows & Match
shows.**

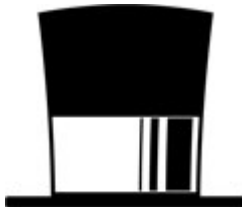
**Even people that are not able to attend meetings can
still contribute with Fundraising ideas, suggestions
and help!! This is something that can be done from
home!!**

Please help support our Club !!!

*Please continue to gather raffle and
silent auction items for the April Specialty & 2008
National Show!!!
Everything is welcome!
Bulldog & Non-Bulldog Items!!*

**Old trophies / ring favors
Liquor/wine for Basket of Cheer
Bulldog Health Items
Show/ grooming items
Puppy supply items
Dog toys
Any Bulldog and non Bulldog related items!!
You don't want it?? We do!!
Time to clean out your attic and your closets!! Do-
nate your items for the raffle and
silent auction!!
Bring them to a meeting or contact:**

**Nikki Bermea at 609-861-5851
bermea22@comcast.net**



****Our website is getting updated!!!****

Please send updated phone numbers, email addresses & any other information that you want listed for the Breeder Referral page to Elizabeth at:

celticdogges@atlinkwifi.com



****Newsletter Information****

Please send any information, topics, articles, poems, photos, brags, etc. to be published in the next newsletter to:

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Woodbine, NJ 08270



Next meeting is January 15, 2008 @ 8:00 PM