



BULL-SNOOZE

Official Las Vegas Bulldog Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

February

21st - Meeting

Desert Inn Animal Hospital

March

6th - Bark in the Park

Paseo Verde Park-Henderson

21st - Meeting

Desert Inn Animal Hospital

April

18th - Meeting

Desert Inn Animal Hospital



Happy Birthday!
Feb 2nd - Dozer

Residents Message

February 2010

I am enthusiastic about the upcoming year, and look forward to participating in the activities that are being planned for the club and interacting with each of you. I am excited to be serving with the newly elected officers and board members. They are working diligently to plan events that will not only benefit our bullies, but also will be rewarding and fun. I think this should prove to be a great year for all of you who wish to actively participate in the club and its activities. I would like to encourage those of you who have not been able to attend for some reason, to come and join in!

As we move to put 2009 behind us, I hope that we can leave the negativity and past issues out of our meetings, Yes, there are still a few issues to resolve, but with everyone's patience and help we can easily get through them and focus on what is truly important....our Bullies!!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February Club Meeting.

Sincerely,
Stacy Edwards
LVBC President



There's a new website in town! 2010 has brought many new changes to the Las Vegas Bulldog Club. A new board, a bright new outlook and a new website.

While the website will continue to have help and information for everyone interested in the bulldog breed - from health issues to breeding information and showing information as well as the many pet concerns owners have - we have also taken the site in a fun and interactive direction.

Check it out today at: www.lasvegasbulldogclub.com and see what's new. We offer "send a bull-ecard" so you can send fun cards to your friends. Also, don't forget to send in your bully's birthday and photo for the birthday list.

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Bulldog Rescue of Southern Nevada



Las Vegas has a new rescue in town. Bulldog Rescue of Southern Nevada. We are a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of English Bulldogs through our rescue by finding responsible, stable loving new homes for them. We are also here to rehabilitate the Bulldogs before placement by providing necessary medical treatment and training to increase the chances of a successful placement.

I am very excited about our new rescue program this year. It has been very busy so far. Our rescue is fully recognized by the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network. Many people are visiting our National site and filling out bulldog adoption applications. What does that mean for me? Lots of application processing, callbacks, emails and home visits. If anyone is interested in helping out with fostering a bulldog or doing home visits and call backs, please let me know. I need all the help I can get. I am still looking for a few foster homes to have on reserve incase I get overextended with bullies.



Another way you can help is by helping me fill my wish list. My wish list will be posted on my website that is still under construction thanks to Gloria Anderson our Webmaster. It will be linked to the Bulldog Club's site. Items needed include, crate pads or blankets, stainless steel bowls, food, collars, leashes and toys. Remember that most of our bullies come into rescue with nothing but themselves. Used clean items are great and accepted! This rescue runs

completely on donations from the public and adoption fees. Every donation goes to the spay/neuter, medical care and food of our rescue bulldogs. No amount is too small and everything is appreciated!

I will also be holding fund-raising events throughout the year in which all club members will be invited to participate in. I will make this as fun as I can for everyone and the bullies. My first fund-raiser is scheduled for March 13, 2010 "Breakfast with the Bullies" details will follow at a later date.

Last but not least, I would like to report that so far this year BRSN has placed two special bullies in their forever loving homes. Sir. Winston, our handsome 1 year old brindle and white boy. He came from one castle and was placed in another beautiful castle with the Conk family. He is doing well, playing with his favorite toy, a laundry basket! We also placed Ms. Sophie. Our sweet white 2 ½ year old bully girl. She went to live with the Cooper family. She loves all of her 5 human brothers and sisters. Boy do they keep her busy! We also have a familiar face back into rescue. Mr. Bruno (AKA Mr. B) is back in the house. Though we strive to place our bullies in the best homes to fit both family and bulldog, not always does it work out. Mr. B unfortunately did not make a full connection with his new family and so he was surrendered back into rescue. The Mirth family has been devastated by this, but sometimes these things happen and it's OK. Bruno will find his forever home, it will just take time.

I would like to invite anyone who would like more information on how you can help or volunteer as a foster for BRSN to please come see me after our next meeting or simply give me a phone call or contact me through the [website](#).

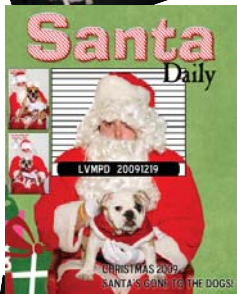
I want to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to do what I love to do and what is right in my heart! I do it for the Bulldog because every life matters!

Diana Latronica
Bulldog Rescue of Southern Nevada
Peace and Bully Love

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2009 Holiday Party

The 2009 Holiday Party was held at Smarty Paws this year. A great time was had by all, but I think the bulldogs enjoyed their visit with Santa. You can see by the center photo that Santa was a "squirrely fellow" this year, but the dogs didn't seem to mind.

A brief meeting to start then it was off to fun. Photos and a white elephant gift exchange which brought on some headed fighting for sought after gifts.

Turkey and ham with all the fix ens' along with so many deserts it was hard to choose just one. The "kitty litter cake" stood out from the crowd - looks wise, but it was tough to get anyone enticed enough to give it a try.

As always, the bullies were all well behaved and we look forward to the picnic this Spring!

Visit to the Veteran's Home

What an exciting day and a complete honor to have been able to be a part of spreading such happiness on a visit to the local Veteran's Home in Boulder City.

We would like to thank everyone that came out and participated. We are hoping to make this a biannual event and head back out in the Spring as well.

I also want to let everyone know, the club received a note via the internet site - thanking us for the joy we brought to a family member who has been going through a tough time. Glad we could help!



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A Message From the Secretary...

Welcome to the first edition of our newly redesigned Las Vegas Bulldog Club newsletter Bull-Snooze. The LVBC has seen a great deal of changes in the past year and we are excited to be starting a brand new year with limitless possibilities for the Club. In addition to the new look and name for the newsletter, we have updated our website (www.lasvegasbulldogclub.com). As with any organization, this is a work in progress and we encourage your feedback and input.

The Las Vegas Bulldog Club was originally established in 1975. In keeping with the new look for the website and newsletter, we have also decided to update the logo to bring us into the 21st century. Updating our logo allows us to put our image on more than just the website – such as tote bags, t-shirts, mugs, hats, etc. A huge thanks to Kristin Sorrentino for working up several different possibilities for us.

Please visit our website to vote for your favorite. This is your club and we want to know what you think!

The club's specialty show, titled Primm & Proper, last October was a huge success. We had a great entry at over 80 dogs, up from the previous year! A tremendous thanks goes out to all those who helped with the show. It's a lot of work to put on, but we had a fun time doing it! This year's show will be held on November 20th and 21st here in Las Vegas. Co-chairs are Diana Latronica and Ang Drenth.

During the month of December, the Club held a dog food drive. We collected 6 bags of dry food and a case of wet food which was donated to Three Square Food Bank here in Las Vegas for distribution to families in need. Thank you to everyone who donated. It is my sincere hope that next year we can expand this to include canned and dry good items for families as well food for their pets. It may not seem like much, but a bag of food might make the difference in a family keeping their beloved pet or having to turn it into the shelter because they cannot afford to feed it.

Finally, I want to personally thank Gloria Anderson for the tremendous amount of time, energy and effort she has put into creating and maintaining the website for us as well as producing this newsletter! Her dedication and commitment to our club is a huge asset.

Ang Drenth, Secretary



Bully BRAGGING

Ch Udeniabulls Why So Serious (AKA Joker) recently competed at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs all-breed show in Indigo, CA where he received an Award of Merit from judge Edward Kozatek on 01/09/10 and judge Jean Kozatek on 01/10/10 (pictured). Joker is owned by Ang & Troy Drenth.

Wanna brag on your bully?? Go to the [website contact us](#) page and let us know! We'd love to share your news. From potty training to winning championships.

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BulldogHealth

Everyone talks about the importance of a well-bred, healthy bulldog but what exactly does that mean and how do you get one? Bulldogs have inherent health concerns specific to the breed. Bulldogs are considered a brachycephalic breed because of their short, “smashed-in” faces. There is a higher incidence of breathing problems such as stenotic (small) nasal openings, elongated palates, and tracheal hypoplasia which is a narrowing of the windpipe. Other issues seen in the breed include patellar luxation (kneecaps slide out of place), congenital heart disease, skin conditions and allergies.

The Bulldog Club of America (BCA) is the parent breed club to the Las Vegas Bulldog Club. They actively support health research in the breed through the BCA Charitable Fund (BCACF). Breeders are recommended to perform testing for patellar luxation and heart disease. These tests, as well as a health questionnaire and DNA sample, are required to receive CHIC certification. The results are posted in the CHIC database and are available for public view. Currently there are two pilot studies underway to study the prevalence and degree of tracheal hypoplasia and anasarca (water puppies).

Health testing by responsible breeders and research funded by the BCACF are vital to the health and well-being of our beloved breed. One way the BCACF receives funds is through the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. Purina Pro Plan members collect and send in their weight circles for points earning them free food or other dog-related items. Once a member, you can designate the BCA as your parent club partner and 10 percent of the value of the weight circles you send in is split between the BCA and the Canine Health Foundation each year. If you are currently feeding Purina, I highly recommend you consider becoming a member and supporting the breed as it benefits both you and your bulldog. You will also receive their newsletter: Bulldog Update. Their website is <http://www.proplan.com/proplan/proclub.html> Otherwise, feel free to bring your weight circles to a meeting and I will collect them and send them in for you.

More information on health testing can be found at the following sites:

Bulldog Club of America Health Page: <http://thebca.org/Bulldog%20Health.html>

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals: <http://www.offa.org/>

Canine Health Information Center: <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>

Future editions of Bull-Snooze will feature articles on different health concerns frequently seen in the breed with information on treatments and resources. Suggestions for topics are encouraged and should be sent to Ang Drenth at undenibullsbulldogs@yahoo.com

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Membership Renewal – It's time to renew your club dues. Please complete the membership form and return it to Ang Drenth, secretary, at the address on the bottom on the form. We have a lot of fun and exciting activities planned for the upcoming year and we want you to be a part of it! This form can also be downloaded from the website by going [HERE](#).

LAS VEGAS BULLDOG CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
Application Type: () <u>New</u> () <u>Renewal</u> () <u>Single</u> - \$20 () <u>Couple</u> - \$30 () <u>Associate</u> - \$10	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
ABOUT YOU	
Bulldog(s) Name:	_____
Bulldog Interests – Please check all that apply: Pet Owner: () Breeding: () Exhibiting: () Obedience: () Therapy Work: () Rescue: () Other: _____	
Included with your membership is the club's monthly newsletter which will be emailed to you to keep costs down. Please check the box if you wish to receive your newsletter via US mail ().	
Each new application must be endorsed by two Las Vegas Bulldog Club Members.	
Signature:	_____ Print Name: _____
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<hr/> MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY	
We have many activities throughout the year, from community event booths to our yearly specialty show. All members are expected to assist and give of some of their time to help the club. This is what makes our club successful!	
Please go to the Bulldog Club of America's website at www.thebca.org and review the Code of Ethics. By signing this application you agree to abide by the BCA Code of Ethics, the rules of the American Kennel Club, and the LVBC By-Laws and Constitution. I, (WE) agree to the above.	
Signature:	_____ Date: _____
Signature:	_____ Date: _____
If this is a new application, once your application is received, it will be read at two meetings and as prospective members you must be in attendance. After two readings, your membership will be voted on. If you live outside a 100-mile radius of Las Vegas, you will be accepted as an Associate Member. Mail your application with a check made out to LVBC to Angela Drenth, Secretary, 8161 Chestnut Hollow Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89131.	
New Application: Rc'd _____ 1 st reading _____ 2 nd reading _____ Voted _____	
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