



# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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*The next meeting of the  
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club  
Will be Tuesday October 4 at 7 pm at Fire hall 10  
on Parkside Dr. (see pg 4 for directions).*

## OCTOBER

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The Nomination committee  
for 2012 consisted of:

Chair Joleen Dewald.  
Members: Hileah Corbin &  
Suzan Jordan  
Alternates:  
Cathy & Wayne Hammons

The Slate of Officers for 2012 is:

**President**—Joleen Dewald  
**Vice-President**—Ranee Randby  
**Secretary**—Mari DeCuir  
**Treasurer**—Suzan Jordan  
**Board members**  
Aleana Bonderenko  
Two other Board members yet to be  
determined by the Committee

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 16 —SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH  
BULLIES**

**1 PM SHELTER #9 ADMIRAL FARRAGUT PARK  
(SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS).**

**NOV. 7 NEXT SMBC MEETING**

**NOV. 4&5 SMBC SPECIALTIES AT CHILHOWEE PARK**

**DEC. 2,3&4—NEXT SMBC ONLINE FACEBOOK AUCTION TO  
BENEFIT RESCUE.**

**DEC. 6 SMBC MEETING. DR. LEEANN BLACKFORD,  
SPEAKER.**

**DEC. 11 SMBC CHRISTMAS PARTY AT RANEE'S**



### OFFICERS

President

- Joleen Dewald

Vice President

- Ranee Randby

Secretary & NL editor

- Mari DeCuir

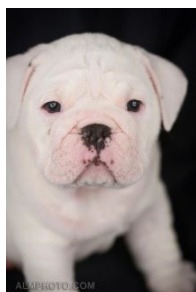
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Treasurer

- Suzan Jordan

Board Members

- Alena Bondrenko
- Michelle Sterner
- Linda Sterner



### ANOTHER WIN FOR LEXI !!!

This little girl is all grown up and won Best of Opposite and Best of Winners at the Chattanooga Kennel Club show Sunday September 18.





## Welcome New Rescue Families

Harley was lovingly cared for by Cheryl and Patrick Doyle until she was adopted by her new family in Gastonia, SC.. Linda and Don Farley had lost a beloved boxer over a year ago when they

began searching for a new furbaby. They saw Harley on our website and it was love at first sight. Harley has a new home where she is an only dog and two crates, several doggie beds, many toys, lots of tug of war and booty scratching time and most important two people to love and care for her. They call her "the Smooching Queen."



### FOSTER HOMES

**We still need foster homes for our rescues and we are so grateful to those of you who responded to the call:**  
**Josh and Amy Allen, Suzan and Madison Jordan**  
**Lisa Warren and**  
**Melanie Fuller in Memphis**  
**If you can help call Mari 865-688-2270**

## Welcome New Foster families



TNTank was surrendered to Bonnie Rogers by a family who had lost their home. Tank lived up to his dynamic name! He was a typical Bullie with a love of toys and a lively curiosity. We received an application from Lisa Warren who was looking

for a young male. Tank moved in with Lisa and quickly took over her house and her heart. Lisa loves taking Tank for rides and walks and looks forward to coming home each day to play with him. Adoption is in Tank's near future !

Pebbles is a sweet, loving young girl who was an owner surrender by a gentleman who was really not ready to care for her. We had an application from a family who was looking for a young girl who would get along with their other dogs. Pebbles fit in perfectly! She immediately made BFF with the family's Airedale, Brillo. It took a little longer for Martini, the family Bulldog to warm up to her but now they are good friends. Pebbles' new family has not only dogs but cats, chicken, guinea fowl and horses. Pebbles has been enjoying meeting( read trying to chase !) all the creatures that populate her new home. Adoption is also in her near future.



## The BullScoop on Foster Family Amanda and John Feathers.



Not long after John and Amanda and their Bulldog Bruno attended a meeting, we received an email asking if they could be a foster family. John, a former Marine who served in Afghanistan, had a special fondness (of course) for Bulldogs—the Marine mascot. They kindly agreed to take on fostering Winston, an older



male, owner surrender. Winston had the typical eye and ear problems that Bulldogs have. He also had permanent hair loss over the back half of his body. Winston required daily eye and ear care and needed extra time to navigate the stairs. While he loves being fostered by Amanda and John he is looking for a home that does not have another dog, where he can just sit and be cuddled. He is a sweet dog who just loves to be loved.

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### The USS Axle: CATS FEAR HIM, THE NAVY WANTS HIM

When the USS Axle isn't patrolling the year for kamikaze cats, insurgent poodles, anarchists rodents or jihadist Chihuahuas, he is guarding the refrigerator like it is Fort Knox. At first I thought he parked himself against the



fridge door for a quick cool down as the exterior is cool to the touch. I was wrong. Axle bonded with the refrigerator. In his view it is the place from which all blessings flow. He has a weakness for those little beef cocktail wieners. He knows I keep them in the refrigerator. He has appointed himself protector and defender of the appliance and is constantly on guard to prevent unlawful looting of its contents. (they could have used him in New Orleans after Katrina—he would have bitten looters on sight.) Those times when I need something from it I have to tell Axle to “move”, which he will grudgingly do. Once the door is opened puts his head in to take stock of the

contents. Looking at it from Axle's point of view, it must be: A. The Best job a dog could have or B. The ultimate form of aromatherapy.

As always thanks to Debbie Palmer for updates on Axle's adventures.

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting Sept 6, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:15. In the absence of the President, the Vice president presided. There was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes from the last meeting.** Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**Secretary's Report.** The premium list was sent for proofing by MB-F. They sent a corrected copy which we will put on the website and send out to club secretaries as we did last year. Secretary went to the funeral home website and left a message on the 'book' for Bruce Lorenzen from the SMBC.

### Committees:

**Show.** Ordering the garment bags for the trophies was discussed. Raneer will check with her mom to see if she still has the embroidery files from several years ago. Raffle baskets were discussed and it was decided that the proceeds should go back into the show fund. We need to set up some guidelines for the raffle: when will the drawing be, selling tickets, announcing winners etc.

**Rescue.** REALLY NEED FOSTER HOMES. **Rosie/Daisy** was removed from foster home. She is now doing well at Mari's. **Rosanna** is still being fostered by Amy Allen, Rosanna has a very serious skin infection and allergy and is under the care of Dr. Hnilica.

**Granny** died in foster care. **Bully** is being fostered by Melanie Fuller in Memphis. He is seriously heartworm positive. **Nigel**, did not work out with the family in Ky. He is back at Mari's. **Diesel** was fostered briefly by Suzan. He had palate surgery at Dr. Blackford's and was adopted by the Cook family in Andersonville. **Harrison** was neutered and adopted by a retired military officer in Oak Ridge. **PoohBear's** ears are much better and he lost four pounds. He is now being fostered by Suzan.

**Duchess** from Jan Lewis was fostered by Suzan and adopted by the Earls( who lost Bella earlier this year). Bonnie res-

cued **Tank** from a person that lost his home. He will be neutered and brought up to date on his shots. Three years old and a real cutie. Have **Howeston, Kate,** and **Montgomery** on a waiting list. **Harley** who was being fostered by the Doyle's was adopted by a family in NC. Raneer and Suzan have put together five skin care packages to give to foster/adoptive families to help with skin care. Also included is a information flyer from Dr. Hnilica on Bulldog skin care and a coupon worth a free initial consultation.

**Fundraising.** Next auction will be first weekend in December.

**Finance.** No report

**Programs.** Oct. possible Dr. Hnilica, Nov. Show final prep, Christmas party date and place was set in the board meeting. Sunday Dec. 11th at Raneer's

### Election of New Members.

### Unfinished Business

—Travel Mugs are here.

—Website design. Wayne presented a preliminary draft for the new homepage. He would like feedback from members.

—Still working on the stitch out. We discussed just using our club name and the class ( BISS, BOS, BW etc) on the garment bags.

—Suzan will contact Dave at Fast Banners to get a standing banner. Would like to have it be Sept. 24 for Meet the Breeds.

**New Business.** One hundred set of the old greeting cards were assembled and packaged.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm  
Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary

## Minutes of the Board Meeting Sept. 6

In the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary. All business was tabled to the regular meeting except for the formation of a nominating committee

## Treasurer's Report

At the November 2007 meeting, the Board voted to keep financial information within the membership. Because our newsletters are posted on our website the Board decided that we would no longer post the club financial reports in the newsletter. Any member may request a print copy be mailed to them or an electronic copy be emailed to them by contacting either:

**Treasurer Suzan Jordan**

**389-9476 iamswj@yahoo.com**

or

**Secretary Mari DeCuir**

**688-2270 mdecuir@utk.edu**

for 2012 officers. The nominating committee is Joleen Dewald, chair, Hileah Corbin & Suzan Jordan, members and Wayne and Kathy Hammonds, alternates. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mari DeCuir, Secretary

## SMBC Fall Picnic

Sunday Oct. 16

Admiral Farragut Park:

Shelter 9 Or nearby\*

Call 389-9476 to RSVP

9950 S. Northshore Drive,  
From I-140 exit 5, travel west on Northshore Drive. approx 1/2 mile, Admiral Farragut Park on the left. Shelter is the first one on the right.

\*Knox County no longer takes reservations for the shelters. It is first come...so if the shelter is occupied we will picnic nearby.

**BRING A CHAIR OR A BLANKET,  
A BULLIE AND A DISH TO SHARE**

### Directions to Parkside Dr.

#### Firehouse Station 10:

**Exit 387 from I75/40: turn south on Cedar Bluff Road. Turn right onto North Peters Road, which becomes Parkside Drive.**

**The road narrows to 2 lanes. The fire station is the second building on the left after you pass Sherway Road (which is also on the left). Parking is in the back. Enter Training/meeting room from parking lot.**