

The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

On the web at: <http://www.discoveret.org/smbc.index/htm>



February 2008

Have you paid your dues? See page 3

*The next meeting of the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Will be Tuesday February 5 at 7 pm
At Fire hall 10 on Parkside Dr.
(see pg 4 for directions)*

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February Program
Tentatively Scheduled
Shanna Franklin-Roland
Of EDP Biotech Corp
will speak to us about her company's
DNA testing to determine the
Canine genetic makeup
Of mixed breed dogs.
See article on page 3

SMBC Invited to give "Pet Parenting Class" At the Young Williams Animal Center

The Animal Center is having a series of free Pet Parenting classes. SMBC has been invited to give a class on "parenting" Bulldogs. The classes are designed to educate owners, future owners, and those interested in that breed for whatever reason. The class will spend time talking about the breed's history, characteristics, temperament, and behavior. We will talk about which training techniques work best for our breed and how pet parents can work with their dog to have it become a breed ambassador.

Ideally, these seminars will be held from 10am-11:30am (a presentation, optional demonstrations, and a question/answer period), on a Saturday of our choosing. The AC community room holds 30 people or so, and the public will be asked not bring their dogs. The Animal Center would do all of the advertising for the seminar, and will cover copy costs.

We will need some club members to bring their Bullies for a live demonstration and be on hand to answer questions and help with the presentation.

Minutes of the December 4, 2007 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 by President Stellhorn. There were 11 members present including Bentham Parker. Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the last meeting were approved. Grant made the motion and Debbie seconded. MC
Secretary: Correspondence-- Incoming: *Bully Babbler*
Treasurer. Report was distributed to members present.

Committee Reports. Show Ruth Ann reported that we now have a contract with Smoky Shadows thanks to the good work of Robin Wilder. We will need a member to monitor the grooming room during show time. We will need a Event committee which would handle any problems that came up during the shows.

Rescue. **Bruiser/Sousa** is still with us. Have **Chewy** and **Patches.** **Greta** has been spayed and placed with the owner of a doggie day care here in Knoxville. **Dakota** needs surgery for a prolapsed urethra and **MS Lulu** is going to home in SC this week-end. **Murphy** from Kingsport shelter has been neutered and adopted by the family in Charlotte, NC. He needed treatment for Demodex had serious ear infections and neutering—all of which they paid for, so the fee was waived. **Molly** has been adopted by a graduate student in Chapel Hill, NC. **White Stripe** was a 6-week-old puppy that I had agreed to take into rescue if the vets could help her. She had a telescoping intestine/mal-developed intestine that was causing vomiting, blockage and failure to thrive. The vets did barium x-rays, gave her fluids for the symptoms, one of the techs took her home over Thanksgiving and cared for her but the final diagnosis was that even if surgery could be performed there was every possibility that she would be incontinent. The decision was



Welcome new rescue dogs and their Families:

(Rescue was VERY busy in December)
Kacey Michalke and Patches
Laura Harris and Greta
Bethany Cooper and Chewy
Kelly Wessel and MS Lulu

made to euthanize her.
Finance. John Parker reported that because Ameriprise had started charging a monthly fee that our money was moved to another account with a local (Dandridge) bank where it is now earning 5.25%. As of Nov. 30 we have a total balance of \$19, 272. 19.

Programs No report
Election of Officers. Since there were no nominations from the floor in November. The elections were closed and the nominated officers were voted in by acclamation.

Election of New Members. None

Unfinished Business. Reminder that the Christmas party is Dec. 8 at Debbie and Jack Murmylo's.

New Business. None.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Mari DeCuir, Secretary



SMBC Champions
 We would like to compile a roster of SMBC Champions past and present for the Website. Please fill out the form in the April 2007 issue and mail or email to Mari With photos

If you need a form please call 688-2270 or Mdecur@utk.edu

Many thanks to
Debbie and Jack
For opening
their beautiful
new home



To our club members
For the Christmas party.
I know we all enjoyed
And appreciated
Their hospitality.

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
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There is some very cutting edge genetic research going on in Knoxville!

BioPet Vet Lab, a division of EDPBiotech Corporation, is building a DNA database of purebred dogs to determine specific breeds in mixed breed dogs. Identification of the prevalent breeds in mixed breed dogs will help predict breed-specific characteristics and give a better understanding of the dog's behavior, potential health risks, and temperament. Shanna Franklin-Roland who is tentatively scheduled as our February guest speaker is the point person on this project. Shanna is collecting DNA from at least five different dogs of each breed (preferably with different blood lines). Any information about health conditions, bloodline, etc that owners are willing to share is appreciated.). The DNA samples are obtained through a simple cheek swab and documentation of registration isn't necessary, though owners must be certain that the dog is purebred.



**DUES DUES DUES
ARE OVERDUE !!**

**SEND YOUR CHECK TO :
SUZAN JORDAN
1000 FOX RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922
INDIVIDUAL \$15.00
FAMILY OR COUPLE \$25.00**



Churchill – a rescue story

In August we got a call about a Bullie in a Shelter in Shelby Co. Alabama. After contacting the shelter and getting pictures of the guy we arranged to have him taken from the shelter and temporarily housed with a helper in AL. Mari drove to north of Atlanta

to pick him up and transport him to Knoxville. Churchill was a DOLL !.

Lively, curious, playful and very active. He loved to hop on the sofa and love on a "stuffie", dash about the yard and then settle in his crate. He was quickly adopted by a family in Georgia. The entire Brooks family turned out for his arrival and he was (of

course) an instant family

member. When Ashley sent

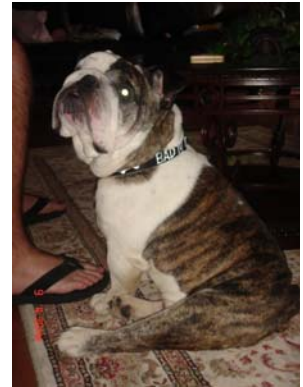
these pictures she wrote, "I

wanted to let you know that

Churchill is doing awesome. He is such a funny

dog! We love him to death. He has gained 10 lbs

since he has been here!"



Thanks THANKS Thanks

Rescue would like to thank

Ron Stelhorn,

Hileah Corbin

Joleen Dewald

for their sweet contributions to the Health Dept. Christmas Craft sale

Those goodies raised \$50 for our Rescue fund.

Thanks also to Raneë for coordinating !!

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 room from parking lot.