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# The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the  
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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

*The next meeting of the  
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club  
Will be Tuesday August 5 at 7 pm (At Fire hall 10  
on Parkside Dr. (see pg 3 for directions)  
No program is planned as we will be  
working to finalize plans for the show.*

## IT'S SHOW TIME !!!

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS  
AT SMOKY SHADOWS ??

SHOWS ARE AUGUST 16 AND 17...  
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS  
THE PUPPY MATCH  
ON FRIDAY EVENING THE 15TH.  
COME ON OUT AND SEE SOME  
BEAUTIFUL BULLIES

## Silent Auction Items

Needed for the Show

Linda Sterner needs Bullie/Doggie

Items for the silent auction fund raiser at our  
shows.



Call her (865-220-8537) for pickup or  
bring them with you to the meeting  
or when you come to the show.

## Minutes of the Board Meeting July 1, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by President Stelhorn. There was a quorum present. The **Minutes** of the June meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. **Report of Secretary, Treasurer and Committees** were tabled to the regular meeting. There was no **Unfinished** or **New Business**. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

## Minutes of the regular meeting July 1, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Stelhorn at 7:50 pm. There were 16 members present. **Minutes** had been approved during the Board meeting.

**President's Report:** None  
**Secretary:** Correspondence-- Incoming: *Bully Babblers*; Letter from AKC approval of Sweeps judge change, BCA Nationals in Philadelphia order forms, DVD from AKC 2007 Breeders Symposium, note from Axel's new family which was passed around to the members.

**Treasurer.** Report was distributed to members present. There was one correction. The bake sale entry was \$50.00 instead of \$100.00. There was some discussion about reimbursing Mari for gas expenses for rescue. Suzan will check on current mileage allowance and report back.

### Committee Reports.

**Show :** Ruth Ann reported that the PL went out June 28th. A smaller mailing was done due to increase in postage. Linda, Vivian and Ruth Ann worked on the mailing list to target specific addresses: people who currently show and club secretaries in the region. Raneer will work on a let-

ter to go out to Club secretaries with the premium list attached. Reminders will also be sent out just before the entries close.

**Rescue.** Still have **Gus** (owner surrender). **Axel** placed with family in Woodstock, GA; **Spud-I** will be fostering him. **Sam**, from shelter in Vicksburg, is HW + and will need about 2 months of foster care before she can be placed. **Clifford**, a stray surrender from Hermitage, TN, has very bad skin and needed to heal before neutering. **Suzu**, owner surrender, blind, not housebroken, needs to be spayed. **Sir Winston**, an owner surrender, from a "breeder", neutered yesterday. **Ty**, an owner surrender, needs to be only dog, is still with owner, needs to be neutered.

**Axel**, one of our rescues was the cover dog on the June *Critter* and the rescue story in the latest issue of the *Bulldogger* featured a family who had previously adopted a rescue from SMBC.

**Finance.** John Parker reported that we now have two CD's and our Oakmark fund with a healthy total.

**Programs.** August meeting will be devoted to finalizing show plans. September program will be a "movie night" with the video "Damn Fine Dog" a history of the University of Georgia Mascot "Uga". October program will be the DVD's from AKC

## 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](mailto:iamswj@yahoo.com)  
or  
**Secretary Mari DeCuir**  
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Canine Health Foundation symposium at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Election of New Members.** None  
**Unfinished Business.** Roberto will be the judge at the September puppy match and Ruth Ann will check on whether we need AKC approval for that match.

**New Business.** None  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary



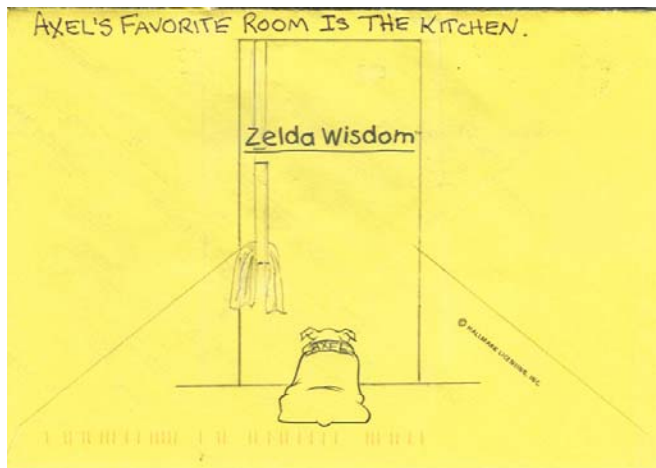


## Axle - a rescue story



Axel came into rescue from the Raleigh NC shelter. He has been picked up as a stray and needed some care. He was a very sweet and lively guy and so photogenic that he was featured on the cover of the June *Critter* magazine.

He was quickly adopted by the Palmer family in Woodstock, GA. Then the fun began! Debbie Palmer, his "mom" started sending "reports" .....



Dear Mary.

Thank you for bringing Axle to us. We are very grateful for having met you & we sincerely appreciate your hard work & your kindness on behalf of Bulldogs, especially Axle. We are delighted & thrilled with him! He has acquired a fan club & a following in the neighborhood. Children are drawn to him. (Axle was perfect gentleman with some of the smaller children). He managed this within hours of his delivery. He continues to ooze personality & we find his Bulldog charm irresistible.

One Hundred Thousand Thank Yous !

P.S. We will keep you updated with Axle's antics. He is adorable.

To be continued .....