



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

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THE THANK YOU ISSUE

OUR SHOW WAS A GREAT SUCCESS !!!
THANKS ARE DUE TO MANY PEOPLE
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September 2008

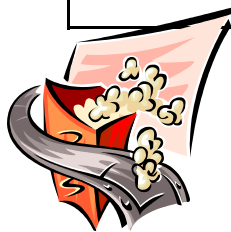


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*The next meeting of the
Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Will be Tuesday September 2 at 7 pm at Fire hall 10
on Parkside Dr. (see pg 4 for directions).*



MOVIE NIGHT

"Damn Good Dog"

The story of UGA:

The University of Georgia mascot

September 2,

7 pm at the Fire hall

OFFICERS

President

- Ron Stellhorn

Vice President

- Joleen Dewald

Secretary

- Mari DeCuir
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Treasurer

- Suzan Jordan

Board Members

- Linda Hatmaker
- Grant Howard
- Linda Sterner

Welcome

New Rescue Families

Josh Easley and Sam

April Tedder and Kingston

Penny Smith and Bunny



Welcome

Picnic and Puppy Match
Admiral Farragut Park

September 20

11 to 3

Look for invitation , entry and directions in the mail Call 389-9476

Minutes of the regular meeting August 5, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Stelhorn at 7:00 pm. There were 14 members present.

Minutes . Were approved as published in the newsletter.

President's Report: President Stelhorn reported on the article in *Southern Quotabulls* on the dangers of cocoa mulch to our dogs. Also in *SQ* was a form to use giving directions about care for your dogs if you are injured or incapacitated. Ron also reported receiving a call from a *News-Sentinel* reporter who is doing a series of articles on local clubs. Ron referred him to the club secretary for the information on and history of the club. We will need some pictures for the article. Will try to get some from the specialty.

Secretary: Correspondence-- Incoming: *Bully Babbler*, *Southern Quotabulls* Division VIII newsletter, several cards from Axle's family (they will be published in upcoming NL).

Treasurer. Report was distributed to members present.

Committee Reports.

Show : We have 87 entries for Sat and 85 for Sunday, 5 point majors both days!. Ruth Ann especially wants to thank Rane and Debbie, Grant and Linda for doing such good work with the mailings and premium lists. We still need to organize the crating room security. Bob Dewald volunteered to take care of that.

Rescue Still have **Gus** (owner surrender). Still have **Kingston**. Still have **Bunny** who is recovering well from her spay surgery.

Sam, from shelter in Vicksburg. MS will receive her second round of heartworm treatment next week, have a family interested in

adopting her **Suzy**, was spayed and taken family in Murfreesboro, however she never recovered from the surgery, was taken to ER and diagnosed with a mass in her abdomen and had to be euthanized. **Elmer**, from Tuscaloosa shelter was placed with a family in Powder Springs, GA. **Ty**, an owner surrender, needs to be only dog, is still with owner, needs to be neutered.

Oliver, an owner surrender has serious skin issues and will be going to CV on Wednesday. I have a family in Rogersville who is interested in adopting him.

Finance. John Parker reported that we have a total of \$19,445.61 in investments. John resigned as the finance chair. At the September board meeting, board will discuss finding a new person to take over. We have CD's coming due Sept 3 and Sept 24. President Stelhorn extended the thanks of the club to John Parker for his conscientious stewarding of our finances all these years.

Programs. September program will be a "movie night" with the video *Damn Good Dog*: a history of the University of Georgia Mascot, "Uga". October program will be the DVD's from AKC Canine Health Foundation symposium at

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

the University of Pennsylvania.

Election of New Members. None
Unfinished Business. We need to think about Nominations committee for September meeting. Three members (one must be from board) and 2 alternates. Committee reports at October meeting, Nomination from the floor at November meeting.

New Business. None
Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mari DeCuir, Secretary

Recovering...

Joleen Dewald is recovering from surgery.

Ranee Randby is recovering from back surgery at Emory in Atlanta

THANK YOU!!!!

THANKS GO OUT TO OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SPECIALTY WEEKEND, SPECIFICALLY . . .

- * **Ruth Ann Parker, show chair extraordinaire who put all this together so flawlessly, made difficult decisions under pressure and baked fabulous coffee cake;**
- * **Ron Stelhorn, our intrepid president who had the thankless but most important task of manning the mop bucket, poop scoops and spray bottles;**
- * **Debbie Murmylo, our show secretary ably assisted by Grant and Linda Howard and Ruth Ann and John Parker who put together the premium list, judging schedule, entries, catalogue, arm bands, judges book etc., etc., etc;**
- * **Bonnie Rogers who started out early Friday morning helping with set-up, clean-up, raffle ticket sales, club promotion and who very generously donated her split pot raffle winning to rescue(\$366.00) and who was last to leave on Sunday after tear down and clean-up;**
- * **Grant and Linda Howard who made multiple trips to get mats and all the other show materials, put down plastic, collected trophies, assembled goodie bags, handled match entries, sold catalogues and played the Star Spangled Banner;**
- * **Robin Wilder assisted by wife Linda who helped with the plastic and set up and stayed for the tear down and clean up;**
- * **Linda Sterner and Michelle Sterner who always do such a great job with our silent auction;**
- * **Joleen Dewald while recovering from surgery managed to make the fun cookie bouquet centerpieces for our Saturday dinner and who assisted with morning hospitality, and her husband Bob who provided security for the crate rooms and went after the donuts each morning;**
- * **Stephanie Wayland and Rick Miller who handled the sale and raffle table all weekend and Suzan Jordan who was on hand to help in so many ways,**
- * **Ranee Randby who came up with the "green" letter idea for the premium lists and made the goodie bag scarves and her mom Thelma who made the wonderful Bullie bags for the raffle;**
- * **Cary Zimmerman and his employees at Mr. Gatti's and Corky's who provided the delicious food for Friday and Saturday night; AND . . .**
- * **Last but not least our club members who donated the wonder items to our silent auction especially Hiliah Corbin who made the pillows and embroidered towels and Anita Norton who donated the Bulldog yard statue.**

UPCOMING SMBC EVENTS

September 20 Picnic in the Park and Puppy Match

October 7 Monthly SMBC meeting. Report from Nominations Committee
Program from AKC Canine Health symposium



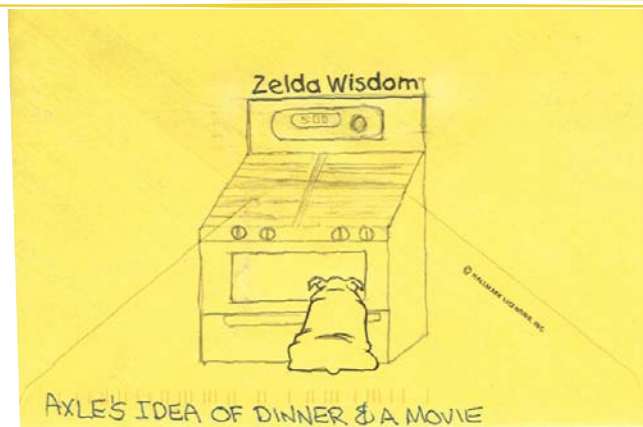
Axle - the saga continues.....

Dear Mari, Axle has moved into our home & our hearts. We were happily surprised to discover Axle knows basic obedience commands: sit, lay, shake, stay & come! His jumping up on people is much, much better. Every now& then he will start to lunge & then he stops himself. We presented a united front & the jumping up abated quicker than I thought it would. My husband takes Axle for rides which Axle enjoys thoroughly. I've wondered if Axle's previous owner might have been a truck driver or tow truck driver as Axle seems like he has spend a lot of time in a vehicle. Whenever he hears the sound of keys jingling he's ready to go.

I am especially pleased with Axle's behavior around children. So far he has been patient & tolerant & accepting of other dogs. Cats are another story. When Axle sees a kitty his do longer a diplomat. However, he does not try to bolt our of the yard. And that is a darn good thing. (Our other Bulldog Bruno would take anyone the other end of the leash sidewalk skiing.) Axle has been very well behaved on leash. He hasn't wanted to go very far on walks. I'm thinking it may be the hear. After the sun sets & it feels cooler to us dogs still feel the heat from the baked asphalt.

Axle shares himself. Because of back problems my husband sleeps on the floor and I prefer a cushy Temperpedic mattress. Axel rotates with who he sleeps—it's every other night with me What a versatile dog! We love him dearly.

Sincerely,
Debbie Palmer.



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.