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A periodic publication authorized by the Bulldog Club of America Rescue, Inc. for the members of its Rescue Network. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide members with information to aid them in their efforts to rescue and re-home lost, abandoned and unwanted Bulldogs. To attain this goal the editorial staff intends to assemble status reports, case studies, inspirational materials, discussions of rescue-related subjects, answers to submitted questions and feedback from BCA officers and committees related to rescue for publication.

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I would like to send a large THANK YOU to all of you who devote so much time, and love to the voiceless and less fortunate Bullies. May we all continue to work together, and educate the masses... with hopes of lessening our national numbers.

More Rescue news to follow in our post 2007 Nationals issue.

~~~ Bully Best from your Editor



Rescue Discussions at Nationals 2006

BCA Rescue Network volunteers had two very energetic and productive meetings at the Nationals held in Orlando, Florida, in November, 2006.

The first meeting was an informal session on Sunday afternoon, attended by about 10 rescuers. The meeting had no pre-set agenda; we talked about whatever the rescuers wanted to talk about. We are considering holding this type of meeting on the Sunday afternoon of every Nationals week. Please include this in your plans for Nationals if you can.

The second meeting, on Tuesday, was attended by about 15 rescuers. It was noted that many more rescuers were at the show than were able to make it to the meeting. The show committee did a good job of scheduling the meeting at a time that did not conflict with other activities, but perhaps the meeting was not well-publicized.

Here is a summary of the discussion items that made it into my written notes:

Fund Raising Ideas that Rescuers have used successfully:

- Collect free and in-expensive Bulldog related items and make up baskets to raffle off at dog shows. You may be amazed at how much you can make when the items are presented attractively in the baskets.
- Find a vendor of candles in your area and get them to give you a percentage of sales as a fund raiser. Good-quality candles are easy to sell, especially around the Holidays. Take them to work, and your co-workers may buy lots of them.
- Hold a fund raiser at a Sam's or Wal-Mart store. They are usually very willing to support local causes in this way. Get a grill and sell hot dogs and other simple food, as well as rescue-related merchandise. You need at least four to five people to work an event like this. Be sure to check your local laws in case you need a license to sell food. To increase attendance, call people who have adopted from you and ask them to come and bring their adopted dogs.
- Join the Cash for Critters program and collect used printer cartridges and cell phones. Visit www.cashforcritters.com/ for details.

Getting cooperation from breeders

- It was suggested that when the breeder of a rescued dog is known, the rescuer should call the breeder and ask directly what the breeder is willing to do to help the dog; i.e., pay expenses, make a donation to rescue, take the dog back, and so on. The rescuer can mention that lots of people call rescuers looking for puppies, and the rescuer refers them only to breeders who take responsibility for what they produce.

Scams involving puppies

- Many rescuers have been contacted by people who have lost money by buying non-existent or unhealthy puppies from Internet sellers. Such a seller was put out of business due to being prosecuted for consumer fraud. You can advise people who contact you about this to pursue the matter with their State's Attorney General and to call the AKC to report the breeder.



that are articulate in completing the applications and who check out well in the home visit. Sell them on getting involved with helping rescue. They can start by doing home visits, later add phone calls, and work them into fostering and placing over time.

- Getting adopters involved with the “Bulldog family” may encourage them to help. Rescuers who are associated with BCA member clubs sometimes offer a year’s free membership in the club to adopters. One club offers the option for “Friends of Bulldogs” to participate in club activities and get the club newsletter at less cost than the member dues.
- Adopters feel more involved when the club newsletter contains rescue stories and pictures. And of course, someone needs to contact the adopters from time-to-time to ask how the dogs are doing.

Obtaining 501(c)(3) status

- The biggest advantage of having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS is that donations to local rescue will be tax-deductible. The disadvantage is that it costs some money and involves a lot of paperwork. However, the IRS is streamlining the application process. In addition, if the paperwork is complete the first time it is sent in, there is a better chance that the application will be approved.
- This option is possible only if the rescue group is a separate organization from the BCA member club. But of course, the two can, and should, still cooperate closely!

Legal issues involving strays

- A rescuer asked about a case she had been involved in where she took a stray from a shelter and then an owner appeared to claim the dog. The dog was given back to the owner, and the rescue lost the money that had been spent to neuter him. The consensus was that in these situations, the rescuer has to do whatever the shelter requires.
- Another point raised about strays is that if they do not come through a shelter, the rescuer should notify all shelters within a reasonable distance in case the owner contacts them. Strays should also be advertised using flyers, newspaper ads, etc. so that the rescuer can demonstrate using “due diligence” to find the owner.

Reducing vet costs

- It is very important to have a good relationship with a qualified veterinarian. When you find a good vet who is supportive of rescue, send them lots of business from other Bulldog owners. If the distance to travel to the “rescue vet” is a problem, consider recruiting dedicated transport volunteers whose main job is to take dogs for vet visits.
- Vets who are not supportive of rescue may “run up the bill” by providing treatments that may not be absolutely necessary. It is easy to find services to charge for when the patient is a Bulldog!
- Is it safe to buy medications by mail? The thinking was yes, if the source is reputable.

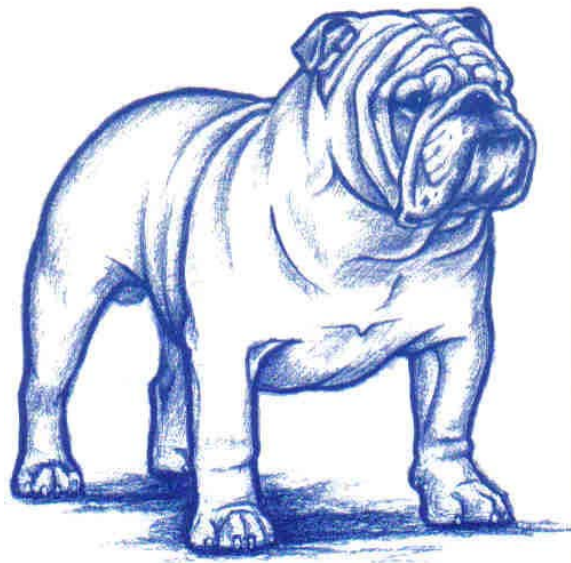


Another cost-saving measure is to use "people meds" from the local drugstore when possible.

- Rescuers should keep frequently-used medications and supplies on hand - antibiotics, prednisone, eye medications, ear cleaner, and so on. The "rescue vet" can assist with buying these items in bulk.
- Ask your vet to give you medications that are expiring and can't be sold. They can remain effective for a year or two after the expiration date.
- In one situation that may be unique, the rescuer works for the vet and is allowed to give work hours toward the rescue vet bills.

Dealing with surrendering owners

People who are giving dogs up to rescue are often reluctant to contact the breeder to ask them to take the dog back. But rescue needs to explore this option for two reasons: 1) To encourage and allow breeders to take responsibility for the dogs they produce and 2) To honor any written agreement that requires the owner to give the dog back to the breeder. A suggested approach is to say something like "I don't want to get you in trouble, but we have to find out whether you have any legal obligation to return the dog to the breeder".



BCARN News Items

New veterinary advisor

Dr. Nancy Rose resigned as the BCARN veterinary advisor. Her successor is Dr. Dorothy Wysaski -- ldydvm@aol.com - 303-366-4496. You can ask her for advice when you are not sure what is the best thing to do for a rescued Bulldog. If you need to ask for financial assistance from BCARN, you MUST consult with Dr. Wysaski in non-emergency situations before committing to a treatment plan.

Assistance to local rescuers

You may be interested to know that the BCARN Directors approved about \$16,000 in payments to assist BCARN volunteers with unusual and extraordinary expenses in 2006. BCARN also paid about \$6200 to provide medical care for 27 Bulldogs confiscated from a breeder in Oxford, PA. We have been fortunate to receive enough donations from individuals, BCA member clubs, and the BCA budget to cover these costs.

Updated Rescue Guidelines

New Rescue Guidelines booklets have been printed and have been mailed to those who couldn't pick them up at Nationals. If your mail address has changed in the past year or so, please make sure Cindy Mozingo has your correct mail address. The guidelines and forms are also posted in the Files area of the BulldogResQ email list.

New rescue award

With much help from George and Julie Cromer, we created a new award for BCA members (can be BCARN members but do not have to be) who support the rescue mission in outstanding ways. It is called Champions of Rescue. Recipients will be given a certificate and will have their names engraved on a plaque that will be displayed in the BCA Gallery each year. That is a significant "step up" for rescue within the BCA, to have our award given the same status as the breeders' Hall of Fame and the Bulldog winners of the National show!!

The first recipients of the award are James Young, DVM, the first BCA Rescue Network Coordinator; Mary Jo Stabinski-Heckman, the on-site coordinator of the Lancaster, PA puppy mill rescue operation; Laurette Richin, coordinator of the Long Island Bulldog Rescue group; and Kathy DelGrande, the on-site coordinator of the Oxford, PA puppy mill rescue operation.

Adoption fees

The rescue web site and paper forms no longer contain a suggested amount for the adoption donation. Rescuers should set their own fees based on local conditions.

Assisted adoptions

Some concerns have been expressed about the practice of transferring rescued Bulldogs directly from surrendering owners to adopters without providing any foster care. This can work in a few, rare situations, but should not be the usual method of placing dogs! The Code of Conduct is very explicit on this point, saying:

Arrange adoptions without a period of foster care only when the dog is already spayed or neutered, and up to date on vaccinations with documentation provided. The dog should be evaluated in the current home to ensure that the temperament is sound and any medical issues can be managed by the adopter. When possible, the dog should be transported to the adopting home by a BCA Rescue Network member or another responsible rescue transport volunteer.

If there is any indication of temperament issues, the dog should be taken into foster care and evaluated carefully before placement.

Where Bulldog Owners Can Turn for Help

By Skip Van Der Marliere

Rescuers are often contacted by owners who are facing large medical expenses but who want to keep their Bulldogs. Rescue cannot pay the bills, so sometimes we don't know what to tell them. Here is a list of organizations that may be able to help a dog owner needing assistance with veterinary expenses. The list was compiled by Skip Van Der Marliere in California.

Funable.org is the newest one; it is a place where you provide a picture and thoughtful story of what you need and your goal. My experience is if your goals are realistic and attainable, it does work.

www.fundable.org <<http://www.fundable.org>>

The list of Organizations (Alphabetical):

American Animal Hospital Association

<http://www.aahahelpingpets.org/home/>

"The heartbreak happens all too often — a pet owner is unable to afford treatment and their sick or injured companion animal pays the price. If the owner is elderly, disabled or on a fixed income, the cost of care may be too much of a stretch for their pocketbook. Perhaps they have been victimized by crime, property loss or a job layoff and are experiencing a temporary financial hardship — making it too difficult to afford pet care. And some animals, brought to clinics by Good Samaritans, don't have an owner to pay for treatment. Whatever the situation, the fact remains the same: When sick or injured animals are unable to receive veterinary care, they suffer. Through the AAHA Helping Pets Fund, veterinary care is possible for sick or injured pets even if they have been abandoned or if their owner is experiencing financial hardship."

Angels 4 Animals

www.Angels4Animals.org

"Angels4Animals, a non-profit organization and a program of Inner Voice Community Services, has a mission to serve as the guardian angel of animals whose caretakers find themselves in difficult financial situations. At Angels4Animals we believe that animal owners should not have to say goodbye to the animals that they love. Our work is accomplished in conjunction with veterinary clinics across the country, eager to assist as many animals, and their owners, as possible. Our services range from financial aid to complete treatment to those pets and pet owners in need."

Care Credit

www.carecredit.com

A credit card company for health care, including veterinary care.

"CareCredit, the leader in patient/client financing, has helped more than 3 million patients/clients get the treatment or procedures they needed and wanted. With a comprehensive range of plan options, for treatment or procedure fees from \$1 to over \$25,000, we offer a plan and a low monthly payment to fit comfortably into almost every budget."

Help-A-Pet

<http://www.help-a-pet.org/home.html>

"Our efforts focus on serving the elderly, the disabled, and the working poor. For lonely seniors, physically/mentally challenged individuals and children of working parents, pets represent much more than a diversion."

IMOM

<http://www.imom.org>

"Mission Statement:

Helping people help pets. To better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals. We are dedicated to insure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged."

The Pet Fund

<http://thepetfund.com/>

"The Pet Fund is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit association that provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need urgent veterinary care. Often animals are put down or suffer needlessly because their owners cannot afford expensive surgery or emergency vet visits. Companion animal owners must often make the difficult decision to put an animal down or neglect urgent medical needs because of the costs involved. The purpose of the Pet Fund is to work towards a future where decisions about companion animal medical care need never be made on the basis of cost."

United Animal Nations

<http://www.uan.org/lifeline/index.html>

"The mission of LifeLine is to help homeless or recently rescued animals suffering from life-threatening conditions that require specific and immediate emergency veterinary care. We strive to serve Good Samaritans and rescue groups who take in sick or



National Rescue Veterinarian Cost Survey

RESCUE GROUP NAME			
CONDITION	CLINIC NAME	CITY, STATE	COST
Allergy: Environmental Panel			
Allergy: Food Panel			
Blood Chemistries- Total Body Function			
Blood Count Complete - CBC			
Boarding Per Day			
Bordetella Vaccine			
Cherry Eye Surgery 1 Eye			
Cherry Eye Surgery 2 Eyes			
Dental Scaling/Polish			
Rabies Vaccination			
DhLPP/Corona Vaccine			
Ear Cleaning			
Ear Mite/Yeast Check			
Ear Ointment (ex. Animax/Otomax)			
Entropion Surgery 1 Eye			
Entropion Surgery 2 Eyes			
Eye Infection (Schirmer Tear Test)			
Fecal Test Float			
Fecal Test Gram Stain			
Frontline 3 month			
Heart Worm Test			
Heartguard 1 month			
Interceptor 1 month			
Microchip			
Nail Trim			
Neuter			
Physical Exam Follow Up			
Physical Exam Initial			
Post Op Spay/Neuter Meds			
Rabies 1 Year Vaccination			
Rabies 3 Year Vaccination			
Spay			
Urinalysis			
X-Ray (1 to 2 views/plates)			
Ultrasound			
Echocardiogram			
Soft Palate Surgery			
Torn ACL Surgert (Traditional or TPLO)			
Clavamox			
Pain medications			
Ivermectin			
Keflex, etc.			

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Please save your Weight Circles!



If you use Purina Pro Plan or Purina One, please send the Weight Circles from the bags to the Detroit Bulldog Club. Ask your adopters, friends and club members to do this, too.

The DBC sends the Weight Circles to Purina and gets back discount coupons for food. Purina also sends money to the AKC and BCA: For each 700 pounds worth of weight circles, Purina gives \$3.50 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation and \$3.50 to the BCA, which splits the money between the BCA Rescue Network and the BCA Charitable Fund (beginning in 2006). The end result is \$82.25 from the original purchase of about \$370 worth of food comes back to help the Bulldogs. In 2004, the Purina cash contribution to the BCA was \$1523.00.

Can we make this larger? Please participate if you use the Purina food!

Send your Weight Circles to:

George Cromer,
29720 Wildbrook Dr,
Southfield MI 48034.





GoodSearch

There's no reason not to.

You search... We give!



BCARN is signed up to receive donations from GoodSearch.com!

All you have to do is visit www.goodsearch.com and select Bulldog Club of Rescue Network under the question **Who do you GoodSearch for?**

Then use GoodSearch when you need to look for anything on the Internet. The search is easy to use, and the results are great. So far, BCARN has earned about \$30 from GoodSearch. When more of us use it, the cents-per-search will add up!

Northern Illinois Bulldog League “Cleans Up” at Chicago’s West Fest

Chicago, August 12, 2006 -- Recently, the Chicago-area BCARN volunteers organized under the non-profit N.I.B.L. (pronounced “nibble”), or the Northern Illinois Bulldog League, Inc. The group participated in a unique fundraiser at West Fest, one of the only Chicago street festivals to allow pets to accompany owners, browse the vendor booths, listen to live music, and shop and eat their way through the day. West Fest featured an area called the Pet Fest, sponsored by a local day care and grooming facility called Bark Chicago who kindly donated 3 booth spaces to local rescue organizations including N.I.B.L., Chicago Canine Rescue Foundation, and Chicagoland Bullie Breed Rescue.

Within Pet Fest, owners could bring pets for a dip in several doggie swimming pools, a run on the agility course, or for a \$10 donation to any of the three rescue groups, have their dogs receive Blueberry Facials, Mango and Peach Baths, and Eucalyptus conditioning treatments. Ooh la la!

Bark Chicago provided the supplies for the ‘spa treatments’ and N.I.B.L. volunteers got down and dirty and washed, massaged and dried dozens of dogs for a worthy cause! The event was a huge success in terms of exposure and fundraising.

N.I.B.L. had just enough time to get their booth together as this was their first big event as an incorporated organization. They needed a booth with banners, tablecloth, signage and donation jars. One of the N.I.B.L. Directors was able to secure a significant contribution from a local printer. Custom (reusable) signage and banners were printed, a tablecloth was made and donated, and supplies were provided by other directors.

The N.I.B.L booth was worked by both Directors and adoptive families alike. We were so thrilled that our adoptive families decided to pitch in for a good cause! With some of our rescues on hand, we had the entire West Side of Chicago talking about bulldogs!

Please join us for our next fundraiser...BULLYFEST...which will be held in October. To be added to the N.I.B.L. mailing list for updates on our events and activities, visit www.nibl.org and click on the newsletter button on the left.

The newly donated event signage drew quite a crowd to the N.I.B.L. booth.



N.I.B.L volunteers scrub-a-dub-dub for a worthy cause – Bully rescue!



Story 2: April Chicago English Bulldog Meetup Fundraiser a Huge Success

Chicago, August 12, 2006 -- In April, N.I.B.L hosted another fundraiser called the April Chicago English Bulldog Meet-up. The event drew almost 100 people and raised over \$1500. The event featured a raffle, a timed obstacle course, and best of all, plenty of opportunities for bullie owners and their bullie buddies to connect.

In addition, our event was covered by ABC 7 and CBS 2 television news, in addition to the *Chicago Sun Times* newspaper and *Chicagoland Tails* magazine

A group of almost 100 humans and their bulldogs turned out for the N.I.B.L April Bullie Meetup. The stars? The rescue bullies of course!



Little Alice makes her way through the Bullie obstacle course at N.I.B.L.'s recent April Bullie Meetup and Fundraiser.

Story #3: Announcing Northern Illinois Bulldog League, Inc (N.I.B.L.)

N.I.B.L. is pleased to introduce ourselves as an official Bullie rescue in Illinois. We will serve the greater Chicagoland area by assisting in the placement of [English] Bulldogs and the education of the public about this breed. You can find our new Web site at www.nibl.org. We are also offering fundraising items for sale including custom rhinestones t-shirts and tank tops, beach bags, handmade leather bullie key chains and even baby onesies! If you are interested in placing an order or seeing any of these items, contact Molly Marino at mollym@nibl.org.



This isn't just any old bulldog t-shirt, it's made with crystals. This is just one of several hip items the group is using to raise funds.

For more information about N.I.B.L or any of these stories., contact our PR and Marketing Director, Molly Marino at mollym@nibl.org.



The Bush Baby



Weekends off without a rescue call are rare for members of BCNC's rescue committee.

On March 24, several volunteers were enjoying a relaxing Saturday afternoon shopping after a local dog show when a cell phone call from a vigilant husband signaled the beginning of an emergency rescue. "You need to call them back now, it's a real emergency. Someone has got to get this dog out right away."

An east bay animal control shelter had received a bulldog puppy that was described in "very bad shape." She had been found under a bush in an east bay neighborhood and a good Samaritan had brought her into the shelter. The animal control officer had taken her to their local emergency hospital where she was put on an antibiotic and a medication for pain and the vet had advised that this puppy needed to get into around the clock care ASAP. They were closing within a few hours for two days and would have someone coming in only to feed dogs and clean out runs. They could not provide the care this puppy needed and their concern was that without care, she would not survive the weekend. The logistics of time and distance were going to make this a challenge. Melisa Paden, a committee member, was reached by phone and made arrangements for her significant other, Mike, to meet a shelter worker after hours to retrieve the puppy. By early evening the puppy was in BCNC's care with Melisa.

The following morning Melisa transported the puppy to me after the dog show and several club members were able to see her condition. She appeared to be between 4-5 months of age. Her weight was not quite 16 lbs. She had a large bump over her right eye which appeared to have a puncture wound in the center. One eye did not seem to be tracking well. She was emaciated and dehydrated. She had sustained some type of burn over the back 40-50% of her body from mid spine down. Her skin was horribly damaged and was seriously infected. Her entire perineal area was a hard crust of damaged skin that caused her to have difficulty walking because of the resulting immobility of movement caused by the injury. She had a huge hematoma of her left ear causing it to stick straight up (just like a Frenchie ear) and the ear itself was badly infected. She was miserable, in severe pain and was running a high fever.

After consulting with our vet contacts she was started on injectible antibiotics immediately which rescue had available over the weekend. Her hematoma was drained to relieve some of the discomfort until we could get her to vet care on Monday. She was evaluated by Grove Way Animal Hospital in Castro Valley on Monday a.m. and even though she had been on antibiotics for 48 hours was still running a temp of 105. The good news is that despite how sick she was, this puppy never stopped eating and drinking. That may have been the key to her survival. It was decided to drain her hematoma again only superficially since she was not medically stable enough to risk general anesthesia. Her meds were continued. Although her prognosis was certainly in question, there was never a doubt that this little girl fully intended to survive this ordeal. Regular meds, good nutrition and supportive care would make the difference.



The shelter reported that no one had ever filed a report of a lost puppy or come looking for her. If they had, they would likely have been facing charges. We will never know how long she had been under that bush or how she had sustained such severe injuries.

She spent her days in a small ex-pen in my family room with a heating pad on low at all times under a padded area to provide the extra warmth she so needed because of her skin loss. Over the next few days her temp returned to normal. The damaged tail began to wag and she never failed to eat as though each meal



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might be her last. For several days she simply slept and woke long enough to eat and then returned to sleep. Toward the end of the week, she began to show an occasional interest in a toy. Her medicated soaks were helping some of the dead skin to loosen so her mobility improved. As the damaged skin began to come off, the true extent of her injuries were more shocking than they had initially appeared. Whether she was burned chemically or from hot water we will never know but the damage was extensive. She eventually lost all the hair on her body from mid spine back. The skin and hair on her tail came off in one piece leaving only bone and exposed skin. Despite all that she endured with treatment she

was always loving and patient with her caretakers. Underneath all the hurt and damage there was the typical adorable Bulldog puppy.

After a few weeks of care The Bush Baby was beginning to play and was obviously on the way back to full recovery. Tiny spouts of new hair growth began to appear. However she needed weeks/months of special care to continue. Just about this time rescue received an application from a Nurse Practitioner that happened to live just a few miles from Bush Baby's foster mom. She had just lost her bulldog to old age just a couple of months ago and was ready for another. Could it be a match??



I called the applicant who sounded like an ideal candidate. After a vet reference check we set up a meeting. Although the puppy was not ready to be officially adopted, she might be a candidate to provide a supervised foster home until the

puppy's condition allowed her to be spayed and officially adopted by her. It was truly love at first site. Her medical issues were not anything that her potential foster mom could not deal with since she treats similar issues in her profession often. Her medical background made her the perfect home for this needy but adorable puppy. She began frequent visits to see her on her way home from work and eagerly began to order all the special things that she wanted her to have when she took her home. After one weekend sleep over it was decided that the puppy was "ready" for the transition and the foster care agreement paperwork was completed. She left for her new home in a new pink fuzzy foam bed just like that she was where she was always meant to be. I hear from her weekly and am available for all questions and any crisis related to her care.

She will need to be spayed in approx. 2-3 months and may need palate surgery at the same time. In the meantime she is getting the one on one love and attention that she needs. She is no longer the Bush Baby and has been re-named Pearl. She may have started as a grain of sand but she is a gem now.

Mary Aiken



I would like to thank the following people for their help in the rescue and care of the Bush Baby: The staff of Tri-Cities Animal Shelter who went above and beyond the call with this one, Jennifer Joseph, Naomi Chador, Melisa Paden and Mike, Patti Rungo, the staff of Grove Way Animal Hospital, Elaine Garcia for offering to help with her foster, and most of all my husband Rick who provided so much of her care as well as her name Bush Baby. His willingness to provide me respite so I could attend important shows will forever be appreciated. Lastly, I want to acknowledge my own dogs whose willingness to take in one more with such high needs never seems an issue. She quickly became one of the family room pack and spend most of her days under Cooper's and Olivia's watchful eyes.

You know you're a rescuer if.....



Your vet thanks you for putting his kids through college.

Your vet's staff recognizes your voice on the phone and asks "How many are you bringing in today?"

The entrance to every room of your house has a baby gate across it but you don't have toddlers.

Crates are considered part of the furniture.

Your dogs are eating premium dog food and you're eating peanut butter sandwiches.

There is a collection of leashes at every exit of your house. And a couple of spares in the car.

You look around the living room and think "I can fit three more crates in here if I get rid of the sofa."

You know every rest stop and restaurant within a hundred mile radius of your home.

You've had more canine riders in your vehicle than Greyhound has had passengers.

Friends call your cell phone and ask where you are and how many dogs you have with you.

You have a book of baby names but don't have children.

You can temperament test a dog but have no idea why most of your family isn't speaking to you.

You have more dog food bowls than dinner plates in your kitchen.

People don't ask how you are; they ask how the dogs are.

Every time someone asks you to participate in a fundraiser you wonder if there's a way to do something similar to raise money for rescue.

Any time somebody is giving something away free, you wonder if there's any way the rescue group can use it.

Your heart sinks every time you receive an e-mail or voice mail from an animal shelter.

You wonder if there's any way to squeeze "just one more" into your household.

No matter how many times you clean it, your car still has the underlying aroma of dog.

Your credit cards are maxed out and but you haven't bought yourself anything new in months.

Any "extra cash" you have is donated to the group.

You've been late for work because a new foster wouldn't cooperate.

You park your car in the driveway because you have an emergency foster in your garage.

People know you as that "dog person."

You have let a foster dog sleep on the bed to help him adjust to his first night in your home.

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Every time you bring home yet another foster, the resident humans look at you like, "Here we go again."

You can successfully integrate a new dog into the household but forget the name of the person you're introducing to your friends.

You keep a supply of extra collars, in a variety of sizes, on hand.

You remember the name and markings of every dog who's ever been through rescue but can't recognize members of your own family.

You can maneuver through a room full of dogs with ease but you can't walk across the street without stumbling.

You've spent a sleepless night worrying about a dog in need of rescue.

You know the location of every aYoual shelter in every county in the state.

Your family, friends, and coworkers avoid you because they're afraid you're going to ask them to foster "just this once."

All of your free cell phone minutes are used for rescue-related calls.

You have taken time off from work to pull or transport a dog.

You handle rescue-related issues even when you're on vacation or home sick.

There is no such thing as a day off.

You won't drive across town to pick up a pizza, but you've driven halfway across the state to help a dog.

You will prepare a nutritious, high-protein meal for a sick dog but won't open a can of soup for yourself when you're feeling under the weather.

You have cancelled appointments because a rescue emergency has come up.

You eat more meals in your car than in your kitchen.

You drive an SUV or station wagon but don't have any kids.

You spend your free weekends at adoption events.
(author unknown)

***Your whole life revolves around the dogs...
and you wouldn't have it any other way!***

Many thanks to Mary Aiken for submitting this!



"I'll Save One"

BCARN Volunteer Drive

In the process of being updated! Please assist if you can!



Objective: To enlist additional rescue volunteers.

Many thanks to Amber Smith for her original ideas!

The General Idea: This promotion involves a t-shirt and a pledge sheet. Each club/rescue group that wants to participate, will sign up to purchase t-shirts. The Pledge sheet and other necessary documentation will be available to download from the internet. Each club/rescue group will print out these materials as needed. Start up costs will be minimal.

Each club/rescue group can then hold promotions at specialties, club meetings, their website, etc. to encourage people to Pledge To Save One. T-shirts can be sold for whatever amount the club/rescue group feels is fair, allowing them to determine what "profit" they make per shirt. In addition to the pledge, the volunteer will also need to fill out a Foster Care agreement and Adoption application (for legal reasons).

In this drive, t-shirts with the above logo will be for sale, but are ONLY available to those willing to sign a pledge to save one. This pledge asks the volunteer (over the next 24 months) to foster a rescue; if not able to foster, agree to perform 60 hours of other services for rescue (i.e. pick up bulldogs being surrendered, transport to and from vet visits, help socialize/train rescue bulldogs, hands-on help with fund raising and "rescue days", groom rescue bulldogs for placement, etc.) Volunteers will be recognized in the Bulldogger and BCARN website. Each club/rescue group will report the names of volunteers in order to organize them for future publication.

It would be wonderful to have one representative from each of our divisions!

If you or your rescue group would like to participate or assist somehow, in the I'll Save One BCARN Volunteer Drive, and want additional information or have ideas to promote this, and get the program into operation again.... Please contact:

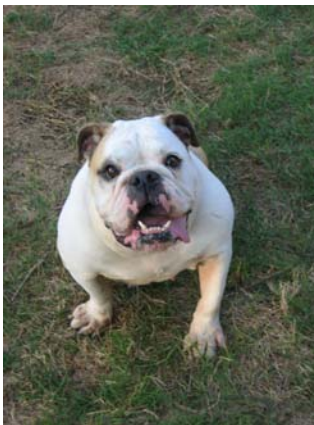
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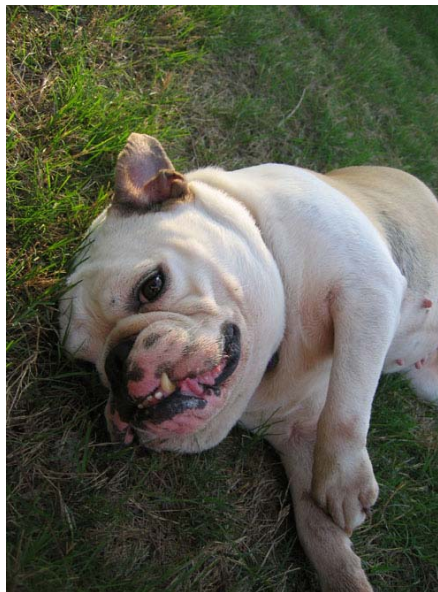
Thanks are Due!

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Div. III*

*For all of the incredible work that she did to
help to keep everyone informed about
California's AB 1634!*



DEMI ~Visiting at
rescuers Deidre &
Bob Jack's home
in TX~



You Don't Rescue? Then DON'T Breed!