

# BCMA Bullytin



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## FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer. Hopefully days will become cooler as fall approaches. To all who have children returning to school and to those who may be returning to school yourselves, have a great year! This issue of the **Bullytin** focuses on Bulldog ears. I hope the information will be of value to you.

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## CLUB NEWS

Get well wishes go out to club member Donna Yri who continues to recover from recent surgery.

A huge thank you to the Patterson's for sharing their home with members for the recent "Pool Party".

Some upcoming events for fall are our annual "October Bullyfest" so plan your doggy costumes now; also, in November we will have Dr. Matthew Corse, an orthopedic expert, speak on issues specific to Bulldogs and Orthopedics. Plan ahead for both of these special events. Dates will be announced later and posted on our website.

Members, I am sending out notices and information via e-mail. I hope I have everyone's e-mail on my list. If you have not received anything from me in the last month or never and would like for me to add your e-mail to the BCMA list please let me know. You can reach me at 478-396-9772 or [anobles@aol.com](mailto:anobles@aol.com).

## DOGGY HUMOR BACK TO SCHOOL (THANKS TO MELANIE HIXON)



## MEETING NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

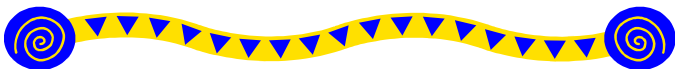
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7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING  
BEGINS

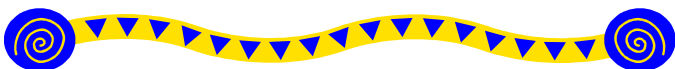
6:30 PM BOARD MEETING  
BEGINS

DEKALB ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
4070 LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY  
TUCKER, GA

# BRAGS



Members Joyce Keeton and Stacy Sollisch report their Bodacious Atom Bomb of Miranda Hill earned his Rally Novice title at the May Perry, GA show. Atom completed his title in 5 attempts which is phenomenal as he has retinal dysplasia and sees very little. CONGRATULATIONS Atom, Joyce, and Stacy!!



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I have a dog and sometimes I'll be the littlest kid with my dog and marvel at his ears and his nose and how he looks at me. If he died, I'd bawl like a baby."

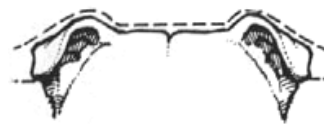
Aaron Eckhart

## BULLDOG EARS APPEARANCE

The official Bulldog standard as recognized by the Bulldog Club of America and the American Kennel Club states: Ears - The ears should be set high in the head, the front inner edge of each ear joining the outline of the skull at the top back corner of skull, so as to place them as wide apart, and as high, and as far from the eyes as possible. In size they should be small and thin. The shape termed "rose ear" is the most desirable. The rose ear folds inward at its back lower edge, the upper front edge curving over, outward and backward, showing part of the inside of the burr. (The ears should not be carried erect or prick-eared or buttoned and should never be cropped). When viewed from the front and side, top of ears should be level with top outline of the skull with the burr partially exposed and the entire edge of the ear visible. Proper ear set can be seen in the following illustration:



Faulty ears are demonstrated below:



*High set ears*



*Low set, large heavy ears*



*Flyaway ears*



*Button ears*



*Pricked ears*



*Tulip ears*

## **BULLDOG EARS CARE**

I'll bet you are right now looking at your Bulldog to see if his/her ears are faulty? No matter, Bulldog ears come in many shapes, thicknesses, and sizes, so unless you are planning to show, the most important thing about your Bulldog's ears is the care you give them. Some Bulldogs do not require much maintenance of their ears due to the rosy shape. However many do require daily maintenance. Facial skin folds and ears flaps that extend over the opening set up an environment that is moist and ripe for problems. Check your Bulldog's ears on a daily basis when cleaning their face. Gently clean the ears out with a warm clean bathcloth, a cotton ball, cotton round, or a baby wipe (fragrance and alcohol free) to remove any debris and dirt. I personally clean the ears once a week or at bathtime with an ear cleanser such as Malacetic Otic or Epi-Otic. You squirt a small amount of the cleanser in each ear, gently massage the base of the ear and let your Bulldog shake their head. I then gently wipe out the excess with a bathcloth. (Check with your veterinarian regarding cleaning products and recommendations for your dogs.)

When checking your dogs ears observe for any signs of problems. Remember a certain amount of wax is normal. The ears of dogs are extremely sensitive and responsible for both hearing and balance. If any of the warning signs of ear mites or other ear problems are present, a prompt trip to your veterinarian is in order. If the canal is swollen, red or inflamed or odorous you should have your Bulldog checked by your veterinarian.

### **Signs of ear problems include:**

Odor  
Scratching or rubbing of ears and head  
Discharge in the ears  
Redness or swelling of the ear flap or canal  
Shaking of the head or tilting it to one side  
Pain around the ears  
Changes in behavior such as depression or irritability

**Dogs can have ears problems for many different reasons.**

Allergies – Dogs with allergies often have ear problems. Many times the ear problems may be the first sign of the allergy. Since the allergy changes the environment within the ear, secondary infections with bacteria or yeast may occur.

Parasites – The ear mite can be a problem with dogs. Some dogs may scratch so much they severely traumatize the ear.

Microorganisms (bacteria, yeast) - Numerous types of bacteria and yeast can cause ear infections. The normal healthy ear has a good defense against these organisms, but if the ear environment changes due to allergies, hormone abnormalities, or moisture, the bacteria and yeast can greatly multiply and breakdown these defenses.

Foreign body

Trauma

Hormonal abnormalities – Deficiencies or excesses of various hormones can result in skin and ear problems (e.g. thyroid hormones and glucocorticoids produced by the adrenal gland).

The ear environment (e.g. excess moisture and anatomy)

Hereditary or immune conditions and tumors

## **GLUE THAT PUPPY'S EARS. DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT?**

Unless you've had some experience with Bulldogs you may have never heard of "gluing ears". Our first Bulldog was a pet purchased a number of years ago and her breeder never said a word about ear glue. Fortunately Lily's ears were Bulldog perfection! I had no idea you glued puppy ears until my first litter several years later. Bulldog ears come in a variety of sizes and thicknesses. Some puppies never have to have their ears "glued"; their ears will naturally rose back usually between the ages of 6-12 weeks. However, many may never rose back naturally thus the gluing. You will need to assess puppy ears around 7-10 weeks. I've heard of people using many types of glue; DUO eye lash adhesive, sewing or fabric glue (Tear Mender), or extension glue found at Sally Beauty Supply.

At the website <http://bulldogsworld.com/glue.html> you can find a very good explanation and pictures of how to glue puppy ears. However, if you've never glued ears before find an experienced person to help you the first time.

# GORDY'S CORNER



Interested in attending the event of the year and help Bulldogs at the same time? Then you do not want to miss the upcoming "Bully Ball". The "Bully Ball" is a charity event that will raise money for English Bulldog Rescue for the southeast. Due to difficult economic times

there is a rise of Bulldogs coming into rescue and a decline in donations. This presents a need to have a major fundraiser so that more Bulldogs will get a second chance at life.

The "Bully Ball" will be held at the Ritz Carlton Buckhead on February 27th, 2010 with Kelley Hollowell acting as Chairperson and Loran Smith as Honorary Chairperson.

The mission of the "Bully Ball" is to:

Establish a fundraiser event to generate needed monies for Bulldogs that are rescued, re-homed, and rehabilitated in the southeast.

To increase awareness about responsible bulldog ownership and bring together people who admire and love the breed.

To raise money so that more English Bulldogs are given a second chance a life, happiness, love, and security.

Information will be continually updated at <http://www.thebullyball.com>.

A Tail Wagging Welcome to  
New Members  
Herrell and Angie Collins  
Cullman, AL



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