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FROM THE EDITOR

Included in this newsletter is a story you do not want to miss. Member Barbara Polk tells of an emergency with her Bulldog which required the Heimlich Maneuver. You'll want to ask your vet about this. In our last meeting Dr. Wayne Rush reminded all that the weather is warming up; thus remember your heartworm and flea preventatives. As always check with your veterinarian.

Annette Nobles



IN MEMORY

Our condolences go out to Mary White and her family on the passing away of her husband Denis. Denis and Mary were charter members of the Bulldog Club of Metropolitan Atlanta and helped to organize the club we so love, many years ago. Denis and Mary owned Denval Kennels in Tucker; they bred and showed English Bulldogs for many years until Denis retired and moved to Jackson Alabama, They had many champion bulldogs over the years and are well known within the AKC and Southeast BCA Divisions. Our club's big silver bowl trophy for the multiple champions was given by Denis and Mary White several years ago. Denis and Mary both have won Bulldogger of the Year and have both served on the board as officers of our club numerous times.

CLUB NEWS

Hope you didn't miss it! Our February Specialty Shows were a great success. Thank you to show chairperson, Alison Palmer, and all the many others who helped with their time and donations.

Don't forget our upcoming puppy match to be held on April 18, 2010. Whether you show or not, bring your Bulldogs to enjoy the day. The match is a fun way to find out if you would like to show, or just to practice. Bring a friend!

MEETING NOTICE

AKC Sanctioned B Match

Judge: Mrs. Angie Collins

SUNDAY April 18, 2010

Location: TBA

Bring your puppies and dogs!

\$5.00 entry fee

Enter at the ring.

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Picnic – so bring goodies to eat and share with all.

Bring you own chairs and crates for your dogs.

April meeting will be held at this time.

NEW ARRIVALS



Clay and Bea Page announce the birth of beautiful bulldog babies which belong to their SittingBullies Wildwood Mockingbird CD RA NAP CGC TT and Cherokee Collins Reiver. Three boys and one girl. All are doing well. Mom and babies are pictured below during naptime.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened.”

Unknown

DOGGY HUMOR



SAVE A LIFE – LEARN CPR AND THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER FOR YOU PETS

Many of us are aware there is such a thing as CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver for dogs; however, we have no clue as to how to proceed if we should find ourselves in need. Below is a story submitted on this topic which certainly teaches us “you never know when it may happen to you”. Fortunately Barbara’s story has a happy ending. Please educate yourselves on this topic. Search for websites that are reputable and ask your veterinarian for a demonstration. Remember when disaster strikes you must be prepared. Seconds can be life changing.

ANOTHER KIND OF BULLDOG RESCUE

Submitted by Barbara Polk
of Rochdale Bulldogs

I would like to share with everyone a brief story about a tragic situation that happened to me just last evening (02/23/10). I say a brief story, so forgive me if it ends up being a long story because I am a stickler for details! I will pray that nothing like this ever happens to your beloved Bulldog or any other breed of dog.

For those of you who do not know, my 10 y/o "Kemo" has been my "chemotherapy-therapy companion" and love of my life since my husband gave her to me over ten years ago. Kemo was born November 11, 1999. She came to live with us at 3 months old. I realize, at her present age, her time with me gets shorter with each passing year. She has been my constant, devoted companion during some of the darkest days of my life, when I was sure I would not see another day myself. Kemo is the typical clown and understands every word I say, but more importantly, she knows my every thought.

Always terrified that something would happen to her, I've guarded her with my life. She has always had expert Veterinary care and she eats only the very best premium dog kibble. Due to owning Great Danes in the past and understanding bloat, I wanted to be sure I could lessen the possibility of bloat happening to Kemo so she is always fed using elevated feeders. And, of course, this queen that rules our home is spoiled rotten!

Last evening, I gave Kemo her usual dinner of dried kibble. I always watch while she eats because this little girl of mine loves to eat. But, dinner for her went horribly wrong last night. I noticed she had stopped eating several times and with her head down, she was stretching out her neck. Then, quite suddenly, she collapsed on the floor, foaming at the mouth and her eyes rolled back in her head. She seemed to be trying to regurgitate. So I quickly grabbed up all 48 pounds of her, and reached

into her mouth to see if there was an obstruction. When I did not find anything, I gave her 3 sharp blows with my hand between her shoulder blades. By now her tongue and membranes in her mouth were a dusky purplish-blue color. I picked her up so her hind feet were on the floor and with my arms around the front end of her body and with hands clasped into fists, I gave firm compressions to the area right under her sternum. I did this about 3 or 4 times. Finally, she began to come around. She was still somewhat dazed, but her tongue and mouth membranes were now back to their usual pink color. I had just saved my little girl from choking to death! From this day forward, her morning and evening rations will be given in smaller amounts, a little at a time. When she has finished with one portion, then I will add a little more until that meal is finished.

The most amazing thing about this story is that on our local Fox News channel, Monday a.m. (02/22/10), there were two Veterinarians talking about using the Heimlich Maneuver to save your dog from choking. Ordinarily used to help a choking person, this maneuver can be modified quite simply to save a dog's life. Totally amazing! I had heard it could be used on dogs, but had never seen it demonstrated until Monday morning.

So, if you have a Bulldog (or other breed of dog) who loves to eat, occasionally bolts their food, eats too fast or whatever weird eating habits they may have, please be careful. Once you see them put their heads down and extend their necks they are possibly already in dire trouble. Remember to use the Heimlich Maneuver if possible while someone is dialing your Veterinarian or Veterinary Emergency Clinic. Talk with your Veterinarian and seek advice for any follow up care that might be needed.

Thanks for listening to my story and best wishes for long and continued happiness with the Bulldog loves of our lives!

said, "Promote the breed, provide the home." He would have been proud to watch "Miss Mill-Mill" strut her stuff..... (they would have gotten along famously, as well).

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Gordy's Corner

BCARN (Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network) sends a special thank you to the members of BCMA for their ongoing support of rescue. It could not be done without the help of others. The donations, raffle baskets, and specialty items at auction at this year's show brought in a total of \$844.50. This money will go directly to the needs of Bulldogs in rescue. The highlight of the entire show weekend was a visit from Millie. Millie is a rescue who represented BCARN at the specialty shows in Atlanta in February. Millie took a walk around the show ring and was as outstanding as any dog who had made the same walk that day!! Millie is still waiting for her forever home - one in which she is queen (or could live with a very laid-back male escort, no other doggie girls). Millie is a four year old, rescued from a puppy mill operation after she was "bred out." She is very playful, has a wonderful sense of humor, and is great with children.

Again Rebecca Turpin sends out to you all a thank you for your care for these precious bullies. As Gordy always

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