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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We recently returned from a great Silverwood in Pittsburgh, PA. The Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay was well represented in entries and attendees. Club dogs won multiple awards including the Best White Bitch and the Best of Opposite Sex in the Silverwood show. Details will be posted on the club's Web site. Congratulations to all the owners and their dogs, who worked so hard through out the year preparing for this exciting completion. The Pittsburgh club did a excellent job putting on the Silverwood and hosting the week long event.



by Club President
Walt Bavol

At the conclusion of the Monday specialty show, the week's activities ceased and the Pittsburgh club handed Tampa Bay the baton and wished us success putting on the 2011 Silverwood in Orlando, Florida. Members

we have big shoes to fill. It will take the efforts of all club members to achieve our goals. Please call Ms. Jan O'Nan (Silverwood Chair) with suggestions or call and volunteer your time helping put this major event together. Some of my suggestions on how one can help:

1) I would ask all non-show members (rescue and club moral supporters) to set aside two days and one night to

attend Silverwood. I recommend you arrive early the morning of the Silverwood. Enjoy the rescue parade of dogs, watch the showing of America's finest Bull Terriers of the year. Meet guest attendees from around the world who own, love and enjoy Bull Terriers. Then take a shower and attend the evening banquet and awards ceremony. It is a great experience, so start saving your money and make a commitment to support your club and Bull Terrier lovers worldwide. Stay longer if possible.

2) We need both private and corporate. Donations in the amount of \$100.--\$250.--\$500.+ to help support the events the club must provide to all attendees (ie. Friday night welcome party, welcome packets, event insurance, floor covering (approximate cost \$1500.), Advertisements, table center pieces etc. etc.).

3) Sponsors to donate items to be auctioned off at the awards Banquet. The funds will reimburse the club for Silverwood expenses. Use your network of friends family and corporate contacts to get sponsor support.

Some idea's:

A) Artist who paints in water colors or oil to donate a gift certificate for a commissioned painting of your dog.

B) A gift certificate from a Restaurant on International Drive to donate dinner for four plus a bottle of wine.

C) Airline company to donate a

coach ticket anywhere with in the continental United States.

D) Etc. etc. etc. ---- you get the idea. If everyone got one (1) donation we would accomplish our goals. Let's get to work and get it done.

We held a director and membership meeting October 24, 2010 at the home of Dawn and Jack Scheibly. I think they hold the record for hosting meetings or they are very close to it. Dawn and Jack, we thank you for your gracious hospitality. I am proud to announce we have a new Editor of the *Bullytin*, Ms. Jennifer O'Brien Pheiffer. Jennifer has agreed to take on the responsibility of Editor and Publisher and continue to produce one of the highest quality news letters in the Bull Terrier world. We all thank Rebecca Quigley for the hours she spent building the foundation of the publication and producing some excellent news letters.

If you have not read them there a must read for members and guests. Just go to our Web site and you can get up to speed quickly by starting with the first *Bullytin*

and continuing through to the current issue.

Jennifer limited me to the number of words in my message so I better rap it up. Hope to see everyone at the December meeting and Christmas Brunch!

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Merry Christmas & Happy new Year!

Walt

YOU'RE INVITED!
BULLIE BRUNCH
HOLIDAY GATHERING!



All BTCTB club members and their guests are cordially invited to the annual **Bullie Brunch Holiday Celebration and club meeting at Jackson's Bistro on Sunday, the 12th of December at 11:30 am.**

Jackson's is located at 601 S. Harbour Island Blvd., Tampa, on Harbor Island close to downtown Tampa, and offers a spectacular brunch buffet from sushi to a chef attended omelette station, and over 60 items that include breakfast, lunch, delicious desserts, and coffee and tea for \$18.95 per person (children under 10 are \$10.95).

Bring a wrapped, bullie/dog-related gift to exchange for participation in the White Elephant gift exchange tradition, which is always a barrel of laughs! Please remember to RSVP to Joan Spangler at spangler@berkeley.edu for a head count.



DOG SHOWS SERVE AN ESSENTIAL ROLE

Before a Silverwood 2011 frenzy is ignited in our club, there may be a simple question to answer: "Why have dog shows?" Our club members arrive at their love of Bullies by diverse paths such as pet ownership, rescue, breeding, and the dog show world. What unites us all is the love of the Bull Terrier, but for some, dog shows are events that are remote and unfamiliar. Dog shows, including Silverwood, have an essential role to play in determining and preserving what makes a Bull Terrier a Bull Terrier.



by **Eddie Quigley**
Vice President

There is a written standard that describes the ideal characteristics of specific breeds including the Bull Terrier. In this country, that standard is written by the American Kennel Club and begins: "The Bull Terrier must be strongly built, muscular, symmetrical and active, with a keen determined

and intelligent expression, full of fire but of sweet disposition and amenable to discipline." It continues to describe our breed from head to tail. (The standard is available in its entirety on our Website, thebullterriercluboftampabay.com.) Dogs are judged, not against each other, but against this standard. Across the country, for a ribbon, for a modest prize, for prestige, and for love, Bull Terriers are bred, shown and judged against this standard. Breeders and fanciers work to maintain and improve every generation of dogs that are born.

Think, if this system did not exist, the Bull Terrier would become whatever puppy mills or individual breeders produced, mostly determined by how much money could be made for the least amount of effort. The end result of this may be glimpsed today by looking at a poorly bred pet shop bully who barely resembles the wonderful Bull Terrier that we know and love.

The dog show system that encourages responsible breeding has other benefits besides appearance. Breeders do not breed dogs with genetic health problems or poor temperaments. They fund research for breed disorders. They are fussy about who they place their dogs with, many will co-own their litters and follow their puppies through the years.

The AKC recognizes the English Bull Terrier, the Staffordshire Terrier and the American Staffordshire Terrier, all of which are wonderful dogs. The "Pit Bull" is not recognized by the AKC and unfortunately many of these dogs are bred not towards a recognized standard, but for aggression and size, and are sold to whomever has the money. This has resulted in terrible tragedies that have created a climate where our own breed is misunderstood and municipalities write laws to outlaw bully breeds. Now many insurance companies will deny home insurance to dog owners and even the concept of dog breeding comes under assault. Dog shows work to counteract these trends by providing positive publicity, education and a forum where the true nature of the English Bull Terrier is shown: a dog that is beautiful, friendly, magnificent and mischievous.

The world of dog shows work to benefit all Bull Terriers and their fanciers. Silverwood 2011 is coming to Florida and this show is the pinnacle of shows for our breed. Bull Terriers need all of us whether we are dog show people and breeders or pet owners with dogs from kennels or pet stores or rescue. We need to come together to make this dog show, our Silverwood, a success for all our dogs.



by **Ed McLean**
Board Member and January Show Chair

2011 JANUARY SPECIALTY SHOWS COMING UP FAST!

"We'll be holding our annual BTCTB Specialty shows on January 21st, 22nd and 23rd in Brooksville."

Hard to believe it's been nearly a year but the Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay's January Specialty Weekend in Brooksville is just around the corner! We'll be holding our annual BTCTB Specialty shows on January 21st, 22nd and 23rd in Brooksville and our host hotel is the Quality Inn & Suites.

NOW is the time to call the Quality Inn and make your reservations! Their phone number is: (352) 796 9481. Make sure to mention the Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay to get our special rate and then get ready for an outstanding weekend of competition and southern hospitality!

Our judging panel consists of Ms. Jan Dykema, Mr. Bob Thomas and Mr. Russell Lamonby who is from the UK and well-known for his Emred line of Bull Terriers.

On Friday evening we will make your annual pilgrimage to Papa Joe's Italian restaurant. And on Saturday night we will all enjoy our sumptuous Saturday night feast and our incredible auction that follows.

What would a Specialty Weekend in Brooksville be without our internationally famous hospitality suite where lights glow and the margaritas flow! Come early and stay late!

For more information about how you can help us make this weekend the overwhelming success that it was last year, please contact show chairman Ed McLean at 772-418-0498 or via e-mail at: LargeLife@aol.com

Please keep in mind that we need items to auction to raise funds for our club's show and rescue endeavors!





RESCUES RESPOND TO THE POWER OF LOVE

People have observed that Bull Terriers need love as much as they need food and water. Yes, they do need love, but their capacity to give love, and the joy they express when they are loved,



by Rebecca Quigley
Rescue Chair

are sustaining factors for those of us who work in Rescue.

The dogs that come to us do so for a variety of reasons: abandonment, ignorance, cruelty, and the economy. Many have suffered in ways we cannot

even imagine. During this last year, while our Rescue has experienced both losses and successes; our

committee has seen time and time again, how enduring the power of love really is. Rescue is not, as some people like to say, all about the dogs. It is about the people too. It's about the people who must surrender their dogs. It's about the people who have abandoned their dogs, it's about the people who buy and sell puppies on the Internet, it's about irresponsible and puppy-mill breeders as much as it is about the Rescue team and the adoptive families. Rescue is about the world that needs us to do this work. It's about all of us.

So, as the end of this year draws near, I am thinking about Rescue goals for 2011. I would like to try to increase the educational work that our Club, and our Rescue Committee does, and I will be looking for suggestions on



Duke, a BTCTB rescue, shows off his ribbons after the Rescue Parade at Silverwood 2010.

Duke's fan club extends from Florida to New Jersey and around the world to Australia.

how we might provide an expanded role in educating the public about our breed. I hope that all of the members of our club will recognize how important education is and will step up to join me in this endeavor.

RESCUE HOLIDAY WISH LIST

During this season of giving, please remember the BTCTB rescue, and what it takes to support these efforts. If you can help, contact Rebecca Quigley, Rescue Chair

- .8 1/2 x 11 file folders (urgent!!)
- .Stamps
- .Black INK HP 564 Cartridges
- .Crate Pads (Large)
- .Any unused collars
- .Any leads you have lying around



GINGER ALERT! RESCUE BULL TERRIER MISSING IN ACTION--YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

"The Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay takes its commitment to rescue very seriously. This sweet girl has had a tough life and deserves better"



Previously adopted rescue, Ginger, remains unaccounted for

Please, help us find a bull terrier named Ginger. Ginger was adopted in November of 2009 from the BTCTB. Her owner signed an adoption contract stating that she would return the dog to BTCTB representatives if unable to keep her.

Recently, Ginger was listed on Craigslist in the Ft. Wayne/Yoder, IN market area. She was also advertised for sale on bulletin boards in local veterinarians' offices.



Ginger is approximately 2 1/2 years old and spayed. She is a red (fawn) smut with a white blaze that stars between her ears and continues under her chin and down to a white

chest. She has an AVID microchip: #103 039 786.

The Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay Rescue Committee takes its responsibility to Ginger very seriously. Please keep your eye out for her, as this sweet girl has had a tough life as a rescue and deserves better.

If you have any information about Ginger or her possible whereabouts, please contact Rebecca Quigley, Rescue Chair for the Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay, at 508-574-1146 or e-mail at quiglet@aol.com



SILVERWOOD 2011 UPDATE-- CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Next year will be a milestone year for the Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay. Our Club is hosting the Bull Terrier event of the year--The Silverwood Trophy Competition.

by Jan O'Nan
Board Member and Silverwood Show Chair

"It's not too early to think about all of the hard work that makes such an incredible event come off"

The *Fabulous Florida!* 2011 Silverwood T-shirt has arrived! For only \$20 plus \$4.90 shipping and handling, you can get a jump start showing your BTCTB pride and enthusiasm about the shows. This fun and fancy T will soon be a collectors' item. It looks equally fashionable on guys and gals, sizes S-XL are available. Quantities are limited. To order, contact Rebecca Quigley at quiglet@aol.com

The and our theme is *Fabulous Florida!* The event will be at the Wyndam Orlando Resort from October 20-23, 2011. Contact the Wyndham at 407-351-2420 and



make your reservations early. Don't forget to mention BTCTB Silverwood to receive our group rate.

I am very excited about Silverwood 2011 and hope that our members are just as excited! Its not too early to think about all of the hard work that makes such an incredible event come off. We are going to need tremendous help, because this is a huge undertaking. Contact me at finstwo@verizon.net or 941-685-2190. I feel confident we can make it the best Silverwood ever!

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CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIR PURSUES PROVISIONAL TEMPERAMENT TESTER TITLE

Whew! I've completed all my requirements for Apprentice Tester (AT) and I'll be moving up to Provisional Tester (PT) as soon as my records are verified and my recommendation is processed. I finished with a test of 39 dogs in Alachua on October 30. I tested the dogs and did Station #1 (The Neutral Stranger) too. It was a loooooong day.

a Blue Heeler, a Schipperke, and a lively little Staffy Bull.



by Rebecca Quigley
Rescue Chair

Many of the dogs we tested were Rotties (it was the Seminole Rottweiler Club that hosted the Test) but we also saw a Central Asian Shepherd Dog (only 11 in the USA, or so we were told), several mixed breeds, several American Pit Bull Terriers (UKC), a Dachshund,

It looks like the Manatee Kennel Club is going to be holding its own Temperament Test in March 2011.

You've all heard my urging to register early, so, watch your e-mail for notification of the exact date and time. And for any of you who didn't hear, Lulu got her TT in September!

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