



Rescue and Welfare Trust of the BTCA

Mission Statement of the Rescue and Welfare Trust of the Bull Terrier Club of America:

*To coordinate with local rescue associations' efforts to locate, obtain, house, evaluate and re-home any abused or abandoned Bull Terrier. *To contribute

to the financial support of homeless, abused or abandoned Bull Terriers, including medical and dental care, temperament and health evaluations, grooming, food and shelter requirements. *Promote educational opportunities regarding the breeding, care and keeping of Bull Terriers for the members of the BTCA and the general public. *Encourage and support health research projects conducted by reputable scientific researchers and their supporting institutions.

Just as the website is dedicated, so is this newsletter – with heartfelt gratitude to all Bull Terriers; and for what they teach each of us gracefully about living and love.

The Rescue and Welfare Trust is a 501c3 charity and all donations are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible. Thank you!

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Silverwood 2013

The Annual BTCA Parade of Rescues

Where: Eukanuba Hall

Date: Saturday, October 19th

When: During the Silverwood Lunch Break

Please contact Melanie Whitehair at btcarsc@rochester.rr.com for more information and an entry form for the rescue parade.

If you have any items (dog treats, toys or something for the handlers) that you would like to donate to the rescue parade gift bags which are given to the dogs and handlers please leave them in the Liberty Room (room for the Silent Action). Please mark donations for the rescue parade.



Rescue Welfare Trust Fund Silent Auction

Where: The Liberty Room you can drop your donations off someone will be there beginning Wednesday afternoon 10/16

Date: October 17 – 21, 2013

When: October 17 – 21, 2013 Silent Auction hours will be posted outside on the door of the Liberty Room

Please contact Kim Bebb at sunnyskyranch@gmail.com for more information.

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we need these funds to help as many needy bullies as possible. So please search through your collection and find an item or two to donate. The RWTFS is a 501c organization so all donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be given.



Thank you all for your generosity to the RWTFS and your compassion for the breed.



Pet Insurance – Is it a viable option?

Humans aren't the only ones facing ever increasing healthcare costs, so do our Bullies! The question for today is this - does the purchase of pet health insurance now become a prudent option? Fact – only 2% of all pet owners in the US have pet health insurance, but that actually translates into over 1 million pets with healthcare coverage. We all know that there is a potential for our pets to become ill or injured at some point in their lives; but as recent Facebook history shows, it is the treatment for major maladies such as cancer, broken legs and intestinal obstructions that can catch our checkbooks by



surprise - the cost of these unexpected catastrophes can run into thousands (and thousands) of dollars! Articles and reviews of pet health insurance plans seem to consistently offer the same information bullets:

Research! There are about a dozen major pet insurance companies. Choose one that has a long track record, not a company that just started, and one that is underwritten by a well-known insurance company. BTCA member, Cindy Perrott, suggested a company she has used –the VPI- (Veterinary Pet Insurance) which actually invented the modern pet health insurance industry over 31 years ago; furthermore, it is underwritten by Nationwide Insurance. There is also a North American Pet Health Insurance Association, you can check with them directly on any questions you may have. In the 2013 Pet Insurance Review, Embrace Pet Insurance garnered the top spot.

1. Compare prices and coverage carefully. Several of the companies have comparison of policies on their websites. Be clear just what the co-insurance and deductible options and charges are.
2. There are basically 3 main types of policies – accident only, accident and illness (comprehensive) and wellness (vaccination and checkups). Decide what works best for you and your Bully.
3. There is some variability in deductibles and reimbursement levels, but most companies reimburse at 80%. **Head's up:** with each plan, clarify if reimbursement is based on a set fee schedule (set by the insurance provider) or on the actual vet charge? Does the deductible remain the same over the lifetime, or does it escalate with age?
4. **Look for transparency!** Good programs clearly outline what is and what is not covered in their plans. A rule of thumb, good comprehensive plans cover cancer treatments, MRI's, CAT scans, acupuncture, specialists and surgeries, as well as all routine services.
5. **Look for ease of access.** Good companies have consumer advocates, ready and able to answer your questions, and are available 7 days a week. Any insurance program can seem complex, but if the advocates can't or won't make the material presented understandable to you, the consumer, walk away!
6. Most plans will limit hereditary disease. Also some companies deny coverage for preexisting conditions, so be aware of how preexisting conditions are defined and handled. **The earlier in the life of the dog that the policy is purchased, the less the expense to the owner.**
7. What are the coverage limits per year, incident and lifetime?
8. How are the claims processed and when are they reimbursed?

There are both supporters and opponents of the pet health insurance industry. It occurs to me, that both

information and personal fiscal consideration are essential components in arriving at a balanced perspective. Either with or without insurance, it seems that "emergency preparedness" is prudent - having considered and put into place your contingency plan **prior** to any medical crisis.

For those of us that consider our pets as part of the family, how traumatizing it would be to have to make a financial decision about our pet's health and longevity. Long before any emergency, we need to consider, "how much could I realistically spend on my dog, if there were some kind of catastrophe?" You can think more clearly when you are not in the heat of a situation, and you do not want guilt playing into the equation. If you have discretionary income to afford any eventuality, then pet health insurance need not be a consideration. If you do not have this luxury, consider further - the more comprehensive insurance plans are not cheap – policies range \$50-60 per month (\$400-600 annually) but they do allow you to have many of your dog's medical needs paid for. However, over the years, with no catastrophe, you may end up paying more out-of-pocket for the healthcare insurance than any **routine** healthcare services would have cost you. Alternatives are to set up a separate savings account for your pets, setting aside an emergency fund and/or arranging a separate credit card to use just for emergency purposes. Many vet offices offer Care Credit, a credit card that gives you one year to pay with no interest.

There was a quote by veterinarian Sheri Morris that particularly summed it up for me, "**The bottom line is that pet health insurance is not about recouping veterinary costs. It's about risk management against serious accidents and illness.**" As with any other type of insurance policy, it is coverage to compensate the worst case scenario. You must decide what is best for you and yours.CS.

Asphalt Awareness: Did you know?

When the air temp is 77 degrees F – the asphalt temperature is 125 degrees, 86 degrees F = 135 degrees on the asphalt. (At the 125 degree mark, skin destruction will occur in 60 seconds). Let's see how long your little tootsies would last!!!



K-9 Kitchen: Dog Peanut Butter Cookies **From the Three Dog Bakery Cookbook**

Ingredients

½ cup unsweetened applesauce
1 egg
½ cup natural peanut butter
1t vanilla
¼ cups water
4 cups whole wheat flour
½ cup cornmeal
½ cup quick cook oats
¼ cup chopped peanuts I like almonds or walnuts better, or add some coconut oil or flakes

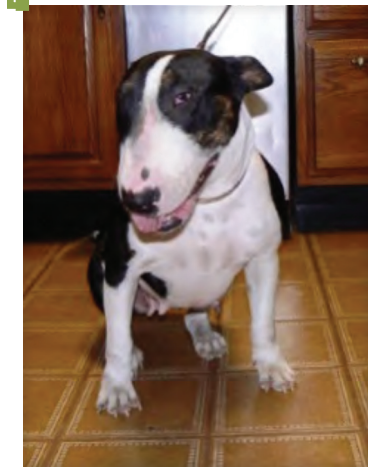


1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine applesauce, egg, peanut butter, vanilla and water.
3. In a second bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, oats, and almonds (peanuts).
4. Add dry ingredients to wet and mix well
Turn dough onto a floured or cornmeal surface and knead until thoroughly mixed together. Roll out dough to ¼ inch thick and cut out shapes using cookie cutters.
5. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 45 minutes. I cook two pans at a time on convection bake for 30 minutes). Cool on rack before serving. Store in a sealed metal container.

I usually double the recipe. But sometimes I find that the remaining biscuits have a slight green mold on them. I've fed them by mistake to my dogs will no ill effects. If mold develops on the cookies I throw them out, this mold happens due to the lack of preservatives



 Tammy 
needs an only dog home



URGENT!

Please help us find forever homes for these three great bullies.

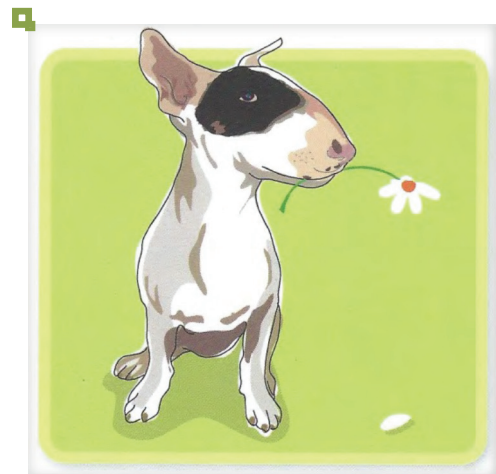


The following three Bullies are **STILL LOOKING** and **NEED** forever homes with families of their own to love them. Could we all band together and work/help to find these deserving bullies a forever home? Spread the word **PLEASE!** For more information contact Glenna Wright at (glntom@aol.com)



 Rukus 
needs an only dog home

 Sally 
gets along with other dogs she just does not like dogs around her crate or while she is eating



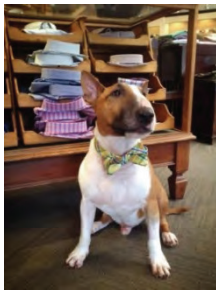


And Now For Some Happy Tails!!!!



Reprinted from *The Times*, Shreveport, Louisiana, by Maggie Martin – Out and About Wednesday, Sept 4, 2013. This article was submitted by Susan Murphy. Thank you Susan!

Kippers a rescued dog that inspired a Bow Tie Line - "Classic Kippers"



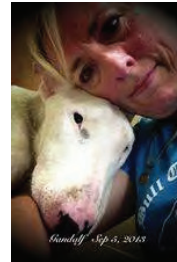
"I wore bailing wire for a collar and my teeth still carry the erosion marks from trying to chew through it. I was terribly thin and malnourished, suffered from numerous broken ribs and was dangerously anemic. On top of which, I was 90 percent deaf because of a horrible ear infection." Quote attributed to bull terrier Kippers.

There is a lot more to Kipper's story, but to sum it up, he was found in the middle of a south Louisiana highway and is now the pampered pet of Shreveporters Gordon and Amanda Perritt Clingan. He is the inspiration for the label "Classic Kippers", Shreveport, Louisiana, USA" – bow ties manufactured in a variety of patterns and colors. The line will be in production soon and the sale of them kicked off with a splashy party at John Pickens Clothiers, which will carry the ties on a regular basis. Pickens is impressed. "They will be popular with college students. Young guys are wearing bow ties, pocket squares and other accessories". Proceeds from sales will go to organizations and shelters whose continued efforts work to save and protect abused animals, said the brochure. Kippers was introduced to Mardi Gras in the Ark-La-Tex on Aug 25 at the Krewe of Barkus & Meoux Royalty Coronation at the Taylortown store. P.S. Kippers' anemia is under control, he has gained 17 pounds and after a course of antibiotics, most of his hearing is back. "Although I will always carry the

marks of my former life (the) scars on my heart have been healed with unconditional love," Kippers said.

Read Mr. Kipper's blog at [Read Mr. Kipper's blog at ClassicKippers.wordpress.com](http://ReadMr.Kipper'sblogatClassicKippers.wordpress.com).

Gandalf the Miraculous and May before surgery



Thank you! To all who have contributed funds and positive thoughts to this dear boy's' rescue and recovery efforts. It has been an expensive, but, oh so worthwhile effort. Gandalf was rescued from the dog fighting rings by May Ross and associates of the Dallas BTC rescue. Even though the vet clinic caring for Gandalf had done such an outstanding job treating him, his recovery process was not going well, and his already precarious condition continued to deteriorate. He could not keep his RBC level normal, and multiple blood transfusions were required to keep this guy alive. Ultimately, X-rays revealed a foreign mass in his tummy, there was no other option but to proceed with exploratory surgery. Several rescue Bullies acted as further blood donors, to keep Gandalf's RBC stable, while what appears to be a rubber ducky was found and removed (see below).



It is presumed that the hard, sharp edges of the toy had lacerated the stomach lining, causing continuous bleeding, also a "blob" of congealed blood was found near the spleen. We are so happy and grateful to report that this tough little cookie (tough in spirit – gentle in nature) is on the road to recovery now. Godspeed little man!! Please keep those donations and positive vibes coming his way.



It's a Bully thing

Ruthy Stephan thanks for this picture