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### From The Editor:

Spring is here! Hooray! I do not know about you, but I am so tired of the cold and unpredictable weather. Although, I am not really fond of the hot, hot weather either. So spring and fall are my favorites. These are good times for our Bulldogs also as spring and fall seem to be the times of year when our Bullies can be outside the most, enjoying the sunshine and beautiful sights.

Included in this newsletter are some tips for getting your Bulldog acclimated to getting outside again for longer periods of time.

Annette Nobles

### CLUB NEWS

Attention all! You do not want to miss our upcoming Puppy Match. This is an AKC sanctioned B Match to be held on Sunday April 26, 2009. Check out our website [www.bulldogclubofmetropolitanatlanta.com](http://www.bulldogclubofmetropolitanatlanta.com) for details.

Another fun event coming up in May is the STAR 94 Petapalooza 2009. The BCMA will be participating in this event on May 16, 2009. Check out [www.star94.com](http://www.star94.com) for more details.

Condolences go out to club member Dianna Thompson whose mother recently passed away.

New puppies have arrived just in time for spring; congratulations to the Mealers, the Moshers, and the Nobles on new babies!

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## SPRING PUPPY MATCH / Meeting Notice

### DON'T MISS THE APRIL SPRING PUPPY MATCH

This is an AKC sanctioned B match to be held on

Sunday April 26, 2009

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

JUDGE: Russell Turpin

Dekalb Animal Hospital

4070 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA

Bring those puppies and have a great time. No puppies? No problem. Just bring yourself and enjoy the fun. Bring something good to eat and enough to share with everyone. The club will provide drinks and ice. Remember to bring your own chairs. Call 770-938-3900 in the event of inclement weather and listen to message. (Our April meeting will be held at this time).

Happy Easter



## NATIONAL PET ID WEEK APRIL 20-26

Millions of companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year. Of these, only 15-20% of dogs are reunited with their owners. For this reason, the American Humane Association (AHA) has designated Saturday, April 5, 2009 as Tag Day. National Pet ID Week is April 20-26.

Responsible pet owners need to use one or more of the following pet identification methods to ensure the safe return of their pets should they become lost:

Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pet should they become lost. The tag should include the following information:

- Pet's name
- Owner's name and address
- Telephone numbers (day and evening)
- Medical problem requiring medication
- Veterinarian's name and number
- Current rabies vaccination information
- Reward offer should pet become lost

### Steps to take to ensure identification tags are functional:

1. A collar worn for purposes of identification should remain on the dog as long as he is in a situation where he could become lost. Do not use a chain choke collar as the identification collar. A broad buckle collar is best. The collar bearing the identification should be fastened snugly enough that it does not slip off over the dog's head when it is grasped by a person.

2. Common tags worn on the collar include:

- Rabies tag
- Dog license
- Individualized identification tag

3. Check your pet's tags regularly. They can become lost, or they can become unreadable with wear.

Put a temporary tag on your pet when you move residences that includes a relative's or friend's telephone number. Many animals are lost when owners move. Use masking tape over the current tag or consider purchasing an instant tag, available at most pet stores.

There are several national tag registries that can be contacted if you lose or find a pet. They include:

- 911-Pets Lost Pet Service Chicago: (312) 890-4911
- Petfinders New York: (800) 666-LOST or (800) 666-5678
- Pet Find Inc., Oregon: (800) AID-A-PET

Microchip and tattoo identification information will be available at your vet...If you use this additional method of identification

• All dogs need to wear collars with city or county licenses where required by law, and up-to-date rabies vaccination tags. Personal ID tags are essential backups.

• Keep an up-to-date file with a written description of your pet that includes their size, markings, weight, and unusual features. Keep a current photo on file to use for posters or to take to the animal shelter should your pet become lost.

please remember that your dog's information MUST be registered with that registry agency

## BRAGS

**Congratulations to James and Cathy Miller on their new Champion Mars Hill Champagne Toast going WB/BW in Columbiana, AL. also on their Mars Hill Angel In Disguise going WB/BW on Saturday in Newnan, GA, AND Ch. Mars Hill Lonesome Dove of Millington going Best of Breed and a Group 3 on Saturday and Best of Breed on Sunday at the recent Hilton Head, SC shows.**

**Congratulations to Johnny and Bree Babb whose Kosmic Rings of Saturn was WB/BW on Saturday in Newnan, GA her very first show weekend.**

## Has Your Bulldog Put on Winter Weight?

Studies have proven that lean dogs typically have longer life spans and fewer health problems. We all know that often our Bulldogs look quite "cute" when they are "chubby"; however, take a good look at your dogs and be honest, are they a healthy weight for their build or are they overweight? If in doubt ask your vet. Winter is a time when we all want to stay indoors so dogs get less exercise. Here are some tips to get the winter weight off your dog.

- Regular exercise for your dog is the best defense against weight gain. Exercise Bulldogs you say?! They can walk!! Use caution.
- Feeding two scheduled smaller meals instead of one large meal keeps a dog's metabolism up and avoids gorging.
- Like humans, some dogs have portion control issues...so free feeding is not always the best.
- Measure your pet's food.
- Limit treats – those calories add up.
- Don't feed treats to your dog for your pleasure, he will wag his tail just as much if you go out and play with a ball.

Don't let your dog control you with food...And you know who you are!

## Remember

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## GORDY'S CORNER

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mitted by Rebecca Turpin

You just never know how famous a rescue can become. Bubba was an owner surrender because of severe skin issues. He had almost no hair at the time he was taken into foster care. He was soon adopted, warts and all, and over a period of about six months made tremendous improvement with change in food and meds and good skin care. He has become the mascot for Petzone Canine Rescue in Monroe, GA, and is now known all over town since his "mama" takes him everywhere with her. Here, he is helping the Chik-Fil-A cow open a new store in Monroe. He spent an afternoon on the corner greeting customers and posing for pictures.

Current needs in rescue include donations toward ear ablation and tail surgery for Jake and entropion surgery for Millie. We also need prayers for a special home for a sweet little 40-pound girl, 4-year-old Maggie, with congestive heart failure that is well controlled with medications. There is more than enough love in her to go around, but her care is a little more than some others. Be looking for an opportunity to contribute at the Puppy Match in April - BCARN rescue will have specialty items for auction. See you there!



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.  
Phil Pastoret

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

With spring just around the corner, the beginning of more hours of daylight in the next few weeks can bring us closer to our pets and families, as we often carve out a little extra time each day for recreation. To ensure your pet's continued health and well-being, keep a few tips in mind:

### Indoors:

- As the old saying goes, showers bring flowers...so check that your houseplants and flowers aren't poisonous, should your pet nibble on one.
- Make sure to keep all the chocolate bunnies away from the dog. Baker's chocolate is more toxic than milk chocolate, but dogs really should not have any of it!

Spring cleaning? Home improvement products such as paints and cleaning solvents can be toxic. Carefully check labels and use sparingly around your pet and be sure to safely store all products away from pets when not in use. This is an all-natural, biodegradable and non-toxic odor neutralizer and cleaner. This is one of the most versatile products out there and once you've tried it you will be hooked.

### Outdoors:

- Springtime attracts extra attention to the yard for many home owners, inspiring them to fertilize and use pesticides. However, be sure to keep animals' exposure to these toxic chemicals to a minimum. Pay particular attention to N-P-K fertilizers (which contain nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium salts), which can lead to gas-tro-intestinal upset and paw or skin irritation.
- Also watch out for iron content of more than 1%, which can be fatal if ingested. Be sure to safely store all products away from pets when not in use.
- Cocoa mulch can also be an immediate threat to your dog if ingested.
- While outdoor playtime is increased, practice safety – protect your dog from traffic by always walking him or her on a leash, and restrict time off the leash to safe areas designated for free roaming.
- Keep an eye on your pet's coat and check regularly for fleas and ticks. Also be careful of mosquitoes, as they can transmit heartworms to your cat or dog, which can be fatal.
- Fishing is a popular recreational activity of choice in springtime weather. However, a relaxing excursion can turn into a hazardous emergency if proper caution is not exercised. Remember to keep all fishing lines, hooks, and bait far away from your pet – hooks can easily catch on the mouth or paws of your pet and resilient fishing line can become an intestinal blockage requiring surgical removal if ingested.
- In case of an accidental runaway incident of your pet, keep an identification tag on your dog or cat that includes your current phone number.

#### Websites Worth Checking Out

[www.peoplewithpets.com](http://www.peoplewithpets.com)

This website is designed to ease the burden of finding rental housing or hotel accommodations that will allow your dog, cat or other animals. Initially providing information for a few metro cities: Atlanta, Dallas, Austin, Orlando, Jacksonville and Raleigh-Durham, information has expanded to include the entire United States with pet friendly places to call home. Along with this information you will find area specific links and information for much more.



**We are making plans to participate this year in radio STAR 94's Petapalooza 2009 celebration to be held on May 16th, 2009. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We will be setting up a booth, we hope to not only educate the public regarding responsible pet ownership with the focus on our breed, but to offer items for sale that will raise funds for the club. ANY and ALL ideas are welcome along with your help on May 16. Our May meeting will be held at some point during that day. PLAN AHEAD AND PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!!**

**Petapalooza is Star 94's annual "Pet Party in the Park" at Suwanee Town Center Park, where pet lovers and owners are invited to bring their pets and shop, learn and watch pet-related product demonstrations and events. From pet adoptions and product booths to Frisbee and Agility demonstrations, to discussions with pet experts, Petapalooza has something for all pet enthusiasts. The events kick off at Noon with the Dog Agility and Frisbee Dog Shows then the attention turns to the stage for live music until 9p. Stay tuned for more details to come...**

**Our goals for this event are to:**

- 1. To introduce our breed to the public, providing valid information on the breed, their care, the standard, and owner responsibility.**
- 2. To further interests in our breed.**
- 3. Promote responsible ownership of any breed.**

**Petapalooza also offers an opportunity for advertisers to reach consumers in a unique environment.**

- 54% of Star 94 listeners have a dog.**
- 38% of Star 94 listeners have a cat.**
- Expected attendance for Petapalooza 2009 is 8,000+**
- Petapalooza is targeted at 282,524 Star 94 listeners who love their pets.**