

BCMA Bullytin



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**THE BCMA OFFICERS AND
BOARD MEMBERS
WISH FOR EACH OF YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

CLUB NEWS

Everyone had a great time at the Christmas party. Thanks to the Lundmarks for sharing their home during the holiday season.

At the December meeting the following were voted into office for the coming year. BCMA officers and board members for 2010 are President – Vanessa Mosher, Vice President – Erin Lundmark, Secretary – Annette Nobles, Treasurer – Alison Palmer, and Board Members – Allan Hixon, Rosemary Logan, Phill Mosher, Wayne Rush, and Rebecca Turpin.

Next years membership renewals have gone out in the mail. Please remember to mail in your dues. If your membership was approved after Oct. 1 this year you are paid through 2010.

We had a special guest for our November meeting. Dr. Matt Corse presented Orthopedics and Bulldogs with a focus on knees. Thanks to all who attended to make this event successful.

A thank you to all who purchased an Ador A Bull Rescue calendar, your money could not have gone to a better cause.

AKC Event participants, please be aware there are some rule changes that go into effect on January 1, 2010. Please go to the AKC website for updated information.

Remember our Specialty Shows are coming up on February 26, 27, and 28. We will need auction items, food, assistance, and more!

MEETING NOTICE

**January 13, 2010
WEDNESDAY
7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING
BEGINS
6:30 PM BOARD MEETING
BEGINS**

**DEKALB ANIMAL HOSPITAL
4070 LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY
TUCKER, GA**

**PLANNING FOR THE FEBRUARY
SPECIALITY SHOWS WILL
CONTINUE. WE NEED EVERYONE'S
HELP.**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

And I heard him exclaim as he drove
out of sight, "Merry Christmas to
all and to all a good night".

Clement Moore

NEWS FROM THE DOG SPOT (LOGANVILLE, GA)

Hi All,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is getting ready for a wonderful New Year.

The Dog Spot has been growing by leaps and bounds and we are having a ton of doggone fun!

Our daycare dogs are running and playing all day long and our boarders are joining them during

the day and sleeping soundly at night. It's great to hear a bunch of dogs snoring after a long day of play.

Music to my ears!!

GROUP TRAINING CLASSES WILL BE STARTING UP AGAIN IN JANUARY!!!

I am so excited because there are going to be some great classes. Below is a list of the classes with their start date and times.

I also want to tell everyone about The Dog Spot's monthly events. The last Friday of January will be our first Wine and Biscuit night.

There is a \$25 donation and reservations are required for this event. Your \$25 gets you two wine tickets, free h'or dourves, and an evening of fun. Your pup(s) will receive yummy homemade biscuits and get to socialize with other pups. This event as well as all of our monthly events is being held to not only provide an event for dog lovers to socialize and meet others of like mind but to raise money for a wonderful rescue organization, BLISS Animal Haven. BLISS is located right here in Loganville and is working hard to save as many dogs and cats from euthanasia as possible by finding great forever homes for them. You can find more information on what they are all about and what they do at www.blissanimalhaven.org. Please check out The Dog Spot's website at www.thedogspotloganville.com for more information on these fun events.

JANUARY CLASSES

January 9 - Basic Obedience - 1:30 pm (6 weeks)

January 9 - Focus Class/Children and their Pets - 3:00 pm (4 weeks) *This class is for kids to learn dog care responsibility and some training techniques.*

January 12 - Basic Obedience - 7:30 pm (6 weeks)

January 13 - Drop-In Conformation - 7:30 pm (Ongoing) *This is for those with purebred show dogs who want to practice their handling skills (\$10/class)*

January 18 - Focus Class/Attention Please! - 7:30 pm (4 weeks)

January 28 - Canine Good Citizen (CGC) - 7:30 pm (8 weeks) *This class will focus on teaching to the AKC CGC test. The test will be offered to all participants after the class is complete. Date TBA.*

I've been getting a lot of inquiries about Rally classes and Intermediate Obedience. I am working on scheduling those for March.

Happy Holidays!

Joyce and The Staff at The Dog Spot

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HEALTH NEWS
Submitted by Wayne Rush DVM
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Canine Influenza

It is not enough that we have bird flu and swine flu, but now a new respiratory disease, Canine Influenza, has been identified in dogs. The virus, named H3N8, that causes this disease first emerged in 2004 in Florida and has now been identified in 30 states including Georgia. Since this is a new virus, there is no natural immunity, all dogs are that are exposed to the virus will get infected.

The symptoms can vary greatly from one dog to another. About 20% of dogs will show no signs at all but will still be able act as a carrier and spread the virus. Most dogs will show sneezing, coughing, low grade fever and eye discharge that may last up to 3 weeks. Approximately 1 in 5 will develop a severe infection with pneumonia that can may require hospitalization for treatment and can be life threatening. The testing for the virus is difficult so if clinical signs are present it is hard to know if the illness is due to the Canine Influenza Virus or one of the other organisms know to cause respiratory illness in dogs, the most common being bordatella bronchiseptica the organism that causes Kennel Cough.

The virus is spread the same way human viruses spread by inhaling aerosol droplets from infected dogs as they cough or sneeze. It can also be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces like kennels, water bowls and toys. The virus is only found in dogs and cannot affect humans or other household pets.

The good news is that a vaccine against Canine Influenza Virus (CIV) has recently been approved and is now available. The vaccine does not completely prevent infection but does significantly reduce the severity of the disease and shortens the duration of clinical signs and viral shedding. The virus has been reported to be very safe with no side effects. It is approved for all dogs over the age of 6 weeks

and requires an initial vaccination with a booster in 2-4 weeks then annually thereafter.

Due to the potential serious illness and contagious nature of CIV you should consider vaccinating your dogs if their lifestyle puts them at risk for exposure. At risk dogs would include dogs that attend shows or other canine sporting events, pets that visit doggie day care, boarding facilities or dog parks. Any dog that mingles with other dogs that may have been exposed to the virus should be considered for vaccination. Greyhounds seem to be very sensitive to infection and developing a severe form of the disease. All brachycephalic breeds (Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, Pugs,) are more prone to developing pneumonia when exposed due to their already compromised respiratory system.

Gordy's Corner



Do not miss out on the event of the year! Time for the Bully Ball is drawing near. The first annual ball to benefit Bulldog Rescue will be held at the

Ritz-Carlton Buckhead

February 27, 2010

6:00 PM

Dinner and Casino Night

Come and join fellow Bulldog owners, UGA alumni and fans, former UGA head coach Vince Dooley, former UGA/NFL players such as Matt Stinchcomb, David Greene, Scott Woemer, Greg Talley, Dr. Tom Lyons, and others as they help raise money for neglected bulldogs. Tickets are \$150 per person which includes dinner, drinks, and one raffle ticket. Tables of 10 are available. Check out the website to see all the fabulous auction items that can be won at the event. Items include autographed sports memorabilia, hotel

packages to various Ritz-Carltons, The London Hotels, and St. Lucia! For more information, go to www.thebullyball.com or purchase tickets while they are still available by contacting Kelley Hollowell at (706) 270-2833 or rwcmacygray@earthlink.net.

**THE BULLDOG CLUB OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA
AND
THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA DIVISION VIII
SPECIALTY SHOWS**



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2010
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2010
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2010

**Holiday Inn Select
ATLANTA- PERIMETER/DUNWOODY**

4386 CHAMBLEE-DUNWOODY RD.
ATLANTA, GA 30341

Reservations: 1-770-457-6363 (Make reservations early:
Mention the Bulldog Rate)

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