



Bully Times

Newsletter of the Bull Terrier Club of Dallas

December 2009

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Monthly Meeting set for Saturday, December 5, in Dallas, Texas

Dallas — The Bull Terrier Club of Dallas will hold its December Meeting in Dallas, Texas Saturday at Noon, December 5, at Market Hall in conjunction with its support of the North Texas Terrier Club weekend show.

According to Onofrio there are 15 Bull Terriers registered for the show, which has registered more than 250 Terriers. (See page two for a map, monitor the website for Ring # where the meeting will be held.)

Our brief meeting will be followed by a social event. Please monitor the Website home page for updates on specific meeting times closer to the actual date.

2009 Chili Cook Off Winners Announced

Your 2009 BTCD Texas Chili Chefs are:

Grand Champion: *Chester Crawford*, (red apron) whose milder version of his 2008 Winner "Nuclear Waste" was an even bigger hit this year.

Runner Up: *Eric Schrack* (black apron) provided a nice blend of flavors that was a favorite topping on the hot dogs.

Second Prize: *Phil Kulik's* recipe provided as much kick as any other, receiving bonus points for his awesome cast iron pot. (*Ellen takes the honors with Cooter*)

Third Prize: *Kevin Cox*, (far left) another big hit with the chili and hot dog crowd.

Thanks to our other entries from *May Ross* and *Don Grissom*, who promised next year he would up his game with a measure more of his special ingredient.



Thanks also to everyone who prepared the cornbread, desserts and helped overall make the event a big success.

A special thanks goes out, again, to members *Randy and Karen Hall* for providing our Club with really nice, custom embroidered aprons, received by our champion and runner up winners.

Cash donations provided through the Cook Off voting process, and shirt sales, brought in over \$100 for the Club's general fund.

2010-2011 Membership Drive Underway

Please remember to process your membership renewals as we near the end of 2009.

2009 Club Officers and Board Members

Officers:

Brian Bourque
Glenna Wright
Joanne Taft
Miriam Hopkins

Board Members:

Kevin Cox
Kay Schrack
Babe Watts

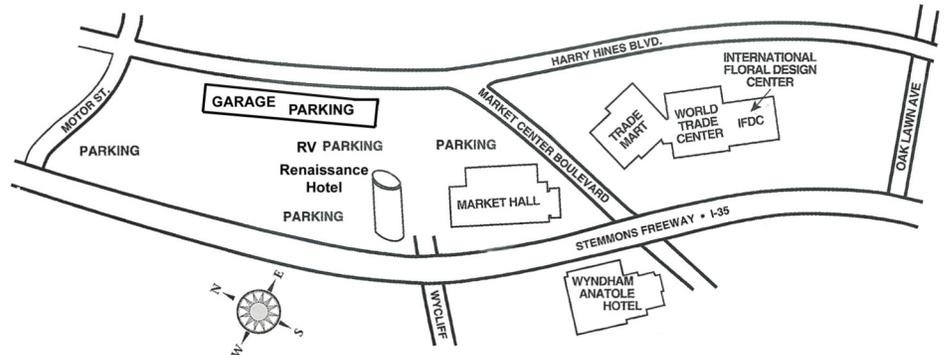
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MAP to December Meeting

Dallas Market Center Campus Map



Directions to the December Meeting

The Meeting will be held on site at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy (I-35), Dallas, TX 75207.

From I-35 E Southbound – Exit at Wycliff Ave. Turn left at light onto Wycliff. Building is ahead on the right.

From I-35 E Northbound – Exit at Oak Lawn Ave. Stay on access road northbound past Market Center Blvd. Building is on the right.

Call 214-773-8901

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ART PAWS Brings Your Bully Photos to Extraordinary Life

We've all seen vendors that take photos of our Bullies and through digital imaging software enhance the images with a variety of styles and effect. For the first time we have a personal connection to one of these online outfits, ArtPaws. Lola Cash is our contact and she's ready to help us understand the process and design the image of the Bull Terriers that mean the most to our families.

Lola says: "There are several types of portraits that you can get, each with a different price structure. We have "Warhols" which are brightly colored Warhol-esque prints where you can tell us your color preferences for the background dogs, etc.

We have different styles, the "Painterly" style, our favorite and most popular choice, is where we take directly from the photo, working with a tool that is much like a pen functioning as our computer mouse, and we "paint" strokes into the dog, with color, with the dogs natural coat. There are many examples on our website.

Please visit our website to review the work we do and review the costs. Of course, we work closely with our clients to achieve the results they expect. "Contact me at deezlow@gmail.com for more information, send me a photo you think we might be able to work with and see what we can do together."

www.artpaws.com



Ten Things We Should Never Hear Again from Bull Terrier Owners or Buyers

The following scenarios are authentic representations of encounters recorded during the process of purchasing dogs and interacting with area breeders. In some cases these are paraphrased statements or observations, in other instances direct quotes.

Our position remains the same, all of us — owners, buyers and breeders — play a direct role in correcting past wrongs associated with the proliferation of low quality, unwanted Bull Terriers.

KNOW YOUR BREEDER

Newspaper advertising Breeder tells Buyer over the phone: "I am asking \$750, but if you come over right now I will sell one for half price."

Once Buyers are on site, Breeder says: "These sell for \$900, the deaf puppy is half price."

On site, Breeder says: "Sure, you can breed the dog later, it doesn't matter to me."

Internet advertising Breeder claims "Champion" bloodline: however the AKC database indicates no points ever awarded to sire or dam, pedigree research further shows no champions going back five years. Breeder is asking \$1900 for puppies.

Breeder advertises AKC registered dogs: litter is never registered, however, so owners are never delivered registration forms as promised.

Once buyers are on site, Breeder says: "Unfortunately the dam drowned in the pond yesterday, so you can't see her. If you don't want this dog, I have this other one for half price because one eye was punched out."

Road-side Breeder says: "I will drown which ever of these puppies I don't sell today."

Once Buyers are on site viewing dogs, Breeder says: "I didn't want to cut their tails off, but they got jammed in the gate."

Months after the purchase Owner wants to return the dog: "I can't take the dog back, but I could take any puppies off your hands?"

Months after purchase, dog suddenly dies, Owner is confused: "We didn't keep their email or phone number, but looked on the internet where they had been advertising and they were not there."



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Welfare Begins at Home

By Linda Frederick, excerpt from BARKS, Winter 1987

“Bull Terrier Welfare is a multi-faceted subject ... I choose to address what is the most important one – EDUCATION. We must all assume responsibility for the education of the public at large and, most importantly, prospective Bull Terrier households.

Education, with regard to animal welfare, can be thought of interchangeably with the word PREVENTION. To be sure, this should be our ideal objective with regard to the welfare of the breed. We can go on forever attempting to rescue imperiled Bull Terriers, but very little good is done when pets are constantly pulled out of potentially dangerous situation and relocated without reasonable thought given to how the pet arrived there in the first place. To minimize the number of unwanted Bull Terriers both the breeder and pet owner must make the effort to work as a team guiding their Bull Terrier through life.

The pet owner must invariably rely on the breeder as his/her teacher; and, it is only the foolish or irresponsible breeder who assumes the transfer of ownership papers puts the ball in the owner’s court. When house-breaking problems cannot be solved and curtains are coming off the wall, not every pet owner knows exactly what to do, and will be able to stick with it. If the breeder of the animal has not offered to be the first place to turn in such instances it’s off to the local animal shelter, or worse, for Rover ... When breeding any dog we have an ultimately serious obligation to be responsible breeders. Careful thought and determination to see it through should clearly be at the top of the agenda. We have a unique breed ... special care must be given to keeping our beloved Bull Terriers as safe as possible.”

(Note: Thanks to the Texas Gulf Coast Bull Terrier Club for researching this still-timely article.)