



Bully Times

Newsletter of the Bull Terrier Club of Dallas

January/February 2009

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Monthly Meeting set for Saturday February 7, in Denton, Texas

Dallas — The February meeting is set for Saturday, February 7, at the Denton Library, South Branch, in Denton - the site of the August meeting. See Page Two for a map and directions.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., pack snacks and drinks as needed.

Our show plans are in full swing and most of this meeting time will be spent nailing down roles and responsibilities. Here's a run down of the activities planned and details on how you can have some fun and get involved.

Trophy Donations and On Site Support Needed

The Trophy Donation Fund has not reached its goal this year, but the good news is there's still time to submit contributions. Please help with this effort. You can send donations to Miriam Hopkins at the return address for this issue of *Bully Times*. For a list of items you can still fund specifically, please call Glenna Wright at 870-356-9717.

On site a couple of volunteers are needed to staff the Trophy Table. The need here is for one or two people to follow the activity in the ring and hand off the appropriate prizes to the ring Steward. Trophy Chairperson Glenna Wright will mark each prize, so it's just a

matter of keeping an eye on activity in the ring.

Our Judges Need Travel Assistance

As part of our commitment to hosting a fun and hospitable event, from start to finish, we always offer our Judges travel assistance to and from the airport. If you can help with a ride or two from the airport, which is only minutes from the show site, please volunteer your services to Judge Committee Chairperson, Steve Schmidt.

This gesture on our part goes a long way to providing a personal experience for our judges. And it's a great way to get acquainted with some of the world's foremost Bull Terrier experts. Contact Steve Schmidt to volunteer.

Hospitality and Banquet

Our Hospitality meeting space at our host hotel will be open to us Friday morning and we'll need dedicated staff on site to help with room set up. Beyond set up, we'll be in need of support through Friday night, Saturday afternoon through the late evening to close.

See next page for more ...

2009 Club Officers and Board Members

Officers:

Brian Bourque

Glenna Wright

Joanne Taft

Miriam Hopkins

Board Members:

Kevin Cox

Chester Crawford

Steve Schmidt

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MAP to February Meeting



The Denton Library South Branch, 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas, 76210, 940-349-8752. RSVP btcdallas@hotmail.com

Final Plans are in Place for the March Specialty, Take on a Fun Role, Be a Contributor

To help with Hospitality and Banquet, please Contact Chester Crawford and Babe Watts. Donations for the auction can be brought to the Hospitality space, the LaQuinta main meeting room off the Lobby, beginning Friday morning. Hospitality hours will be posted to the website, along with more information, in the coming weeks.

We will hold a Club meeting at Hospitality Saturday, March 21. All are welcomed to attend. Member Babe Watts will be attending the Texas Dog Law Seminar and will present a recap of the workshop at that time.

One of the most important roles on the Show Site is “Ring Custodian!” This important role is critical to the success of the show—just ask any exhibitor! Previous experience not necessary! Sign up with Show Chairperson Joanne Taft at the registration table at ring-side Friday morning.

MARCH SPECIALTY - FORT WORTH, TEXAS

March 20, BTCD Specialty, Two Shows

March 21, 22 BTCD Supported Shows with Fort Worth Kennel Club

Show Site

Amon G. Carter, Jr. Exhibits Building
Amon Carter Square, 3400 Bennett-Tandy, Fort Worth, TX

Entries Close with Onofrio:

Wednesday - March 04, 2009

Premium List will be posted on <http://www.onofrio.com>
Under Texas Combined Specialty Association, Ft Worth TX

Host Hotel

LaQuinta Inn North 4700 North Freeway Fort Worth, TX 76137I-35W North at Meacham Blvd.
(817) 222-2888 FAX (817) 222-2229 <http://www.lq.com>
(Search Fort Worth, Texas – LaQuinta North)
Request Bull Terrier Club of Dallas room block for the \$101.00/night rate.
Special rate good until 2/20/2009.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday evening, March 21, 2009
Catered in at the LaQuinta Inn Hospitality by Risky's BBQ
\$15 per person, \$25 per couple
RSVP to:
BTCD 1437 Landmark Ct. Irving, Texas 75060

JUDGES

March 20, 2009 a.m. - Rozalind Clamper
March 20, 2009 p.m. - Susan Murphy
March 21, 2009 - David Merriam
March 22, 2009 - Desi Murphy

**Track Updates and For More Details Visit:
www.btcdallas.com**

Participate in the New BTCD Program “Know Your Breeder” - Share your stories ... be a Breeder and an Owner who Cares!

Over the recent months Club Members and Rescue Program Volunteers have been discussing the various issues confronting the problem of unwanted Bull Terriers. The discussion has led to a program that we are titling “Know Your Breeder,” with a mission of helping unify the entire Bull Terrier community behind a set of shared goals and objectives.

Taking its cue from The Bull Terrier Club of Dallas mission, which is stated to “support the responsible



breeding and placement of temperamentally and structurally sound Bull Terriers,” this initiative will attempt to institutionalize a set of expectations that owners should have from breeders and breeders from owners. Although the main purpose of the program is to foster lifelong relationships between dogs and owners and owners and breeders, more specific goals will be to educate potential owners on how to plan for the purchase of a dog and how to



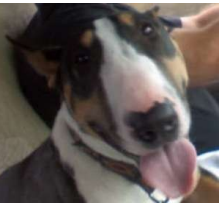
know what’s the right path for purchase, whether it be a puppy from a show quality breeder or a mature dog through Rescue.



The vehicles for this campaign will be *Bully Times* and the BTCD Website. All content will reside at the BTCD website and we will be looking for points of progress along the way. By this time next year we hope to have accomplished a couple of things. One, we hope to have articulated a set of messages consistent to promoting the betterment of the Bull Terrier breed. Another will be to have instilled the widespread use of contracts between all owners and all breeders.



The first installment of the program is aimed at formalizing the relationship between existing owners and



their breeders. We believe most readers of *Bully Times* and our website are pet owners who probably don’t have much in the way of ongoing communications with the breeder of our dogs. And since many of us have healthy and trouble free dogs, we probably don’t feel the need to be in regular contact with our breeder. However, nurturing these relationships during the good times paves the way for excellent cooperation



during the bad times. When your dog is suffering from severe allergies, or some other mysterious ailment, the last thing you want is to have to waste time trying to find contact information and establishing a relationship with someone you haven’t spoken to in years.



So here is your first task on this journey, work through the questions on the next page to the best of your ability. Don’t hesitate to get in touch with *Bully Times* if you lack contact information on your breeder. We are expanding our database of owners and breeders and the Bull Terrier curious. We can help you fill in the blanks where information is missing. In the coming months we will hear personal



accounts from owners and breeders on how good communications lead to more healthy dogs and a better Bull Terrier Breed for the future.

Know Your Breeder — Profile Page

Use this Page to Document Breeder Information

Current Dog Breeder/Kennel Name _____

Physical and Web Address _____

Phone/Email address _____

How did you locate your current Breeder?

Do you have contact information for other owners of this Breeder's dogs? Photos of dogs?

Do you have contact information for Breeders you encountered, but did not contract with?

Do you have a contract with your Breeder? Let's compare documents as we move toward understanding the need for and developing a universal contract for Bull Terrier ownership.

What involvement in the Pure Breed sport would you like to see from your Breeder?

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New Members Make Their Allegiance to the Bull Terrier Club of Dallas

Three new members joined the Club at the January meeting.

Nathaniel Hatten of McKinney—Nathaniel is a Bull Terrier enthusiast, currently without a Bull Terrier. He's open to all experiences with the Breed and has begun working to upgrade the Club's website and communications functions. He has attended meetings since November and also participated as a Rescue volunteer.

Julia Hunt of Dallas—is a longtime time dog sport enthusiast and currently owns a Bull Terrier she calls Tinker Bell. She has been a member of dog clubs in the past and is interested in all facets of what the BTCD offers, including showing and supporting the show. Julia has been communicating with the Club for approximately one year and has attended meetings since late summer of 2008.

Eric and Kay Schrack of Lewisville—are owners of their second Bull Terrier Richocet Ruby and have attended a number of Club functions, including Strut Your Mutt and the March Specialty, in addition to the September Picnic at Lake Lavon and various meetings in 2008.