



Bully Times

Newsletter of the Bull Terrier Club of Dallas

January 2010

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Monthly Meeting set for Saturday, January 9, in Glen Rose, Texas

Dallas — The Bull Terrier Club of Dallas will hold its January Meeting in conjunction with the Nolan River Kennel Club show in Glen Rose, Texas, at the Somervell County Expo Center—www.glenroseexpo.org.

The meeting will begin at 12 p.m. Noon, gathering at Ring #1 in the Main exhibit area of the expo center.

Bull Terrier enthusiasts have attended this show for a number of years and we expect to have a fun time visiting the area as well.

We will provide updates on the Membership drive and the Trophy Fundraiser, both currently underway. 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.

2010 March Specialty

Our Club has purchased an ad in the coming issue of BARKS to announce our March Specialty. Now's a good time to begin preparing your dog for competition. At the next series of Meetings expert handlers will be on hand to help everyone brush up on their skills.

Plans are also being made for the show, including volunteer assignments, as we move through the next two months.

If you would like to participate and support the event, here are several areas where volunteers are needed:

Hospitality — coordinating hotel arrangements and the weekend's Hospitality events, including the auction and raffle

Judges — transporting Judges to and from the show venue and/or their hotel. Overall, keeping judges current on any changes or the final details of our event, including making sure they receive the best care and hospitality we can provide

Show Site — A variety of roles are needed, especially for Friday:

- Ring Steward
- Ring clean up and in the general vicinity
- Catalog Sales on site
- Casual Dinner at Hospitality Friday Night
- Catering assistance for dinner Saturday Night
- Hospitality Staffing all weekend long, from Friday morning through Saturday evening.

2009 Club Officers and Board Members

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Brian Bourque
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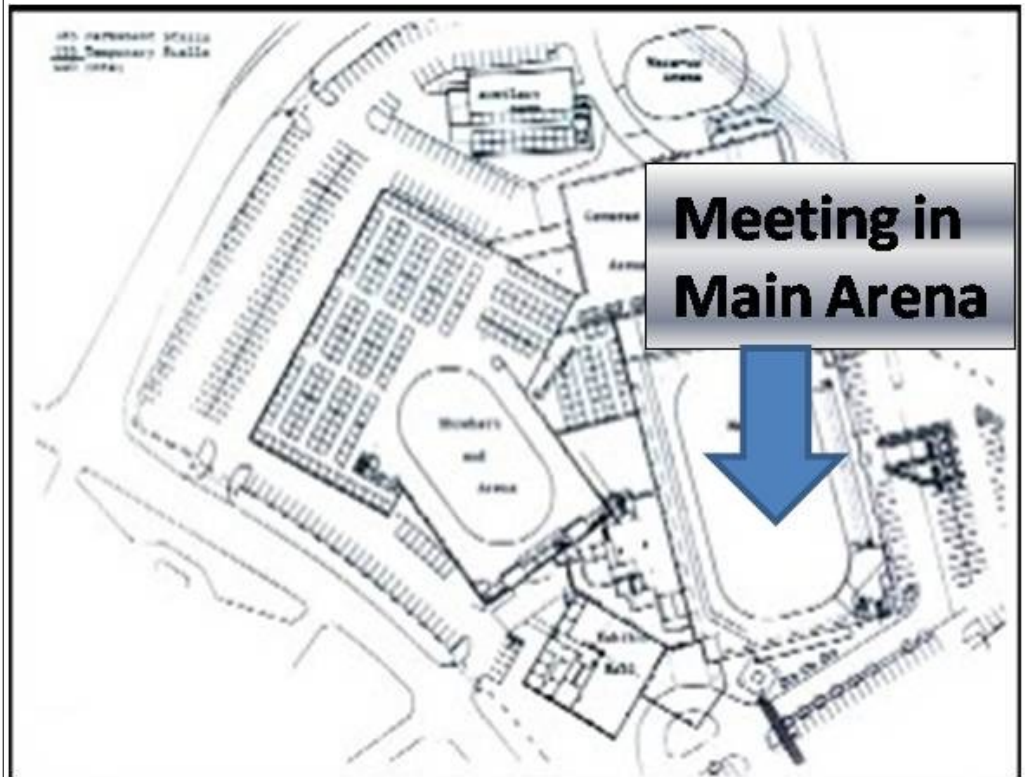
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January Meeting Site



**The Meeting will be held on site at Somervell County Expo Center
 202 Gibbs Blvd., Glen Rose, TX 76043**

- (254) 897-4509 visit the Expo Center website for more information:
- ww.glenroseexpo.org

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Please Assist the Trophy Fund 2010 March Specialty

As we are all aware, the trophy aspect of any show occupies a large portion of the entire event budget. And, of course the quality of our trophies is a direct reflection on the quality of our Club and our opinion of how our participants should be rewarded for their time and effort.

Over the last two years our awards have been well-received and represent a good balance between novel and practical items. This year Trophy Chairperson Glenna Wright is lining up a very nice collection of display items and practical items every handler and showman and woman appreciate having. Here is a sample of a nice award we are purchasing, the material is slate and granite, by artist Regina May.

Please consider donating to our 2010 Trophy Fund, your support of course benefits the BTCD, but beyond that it makes a direct impact and lasting impression on our exhibitors, who as we all know go to great lengths to attend and compete in our Specialty.



Email btcdallas@hotmail.com for information on how to contribute.

Four Similar Dogs We Recently Encountered

Over the course of the last few weeks we have seen a number of dogs with similar markings and in some cases, close in age. Here's a run-down on these new, individual cases:

Dog #1 (from left to right below) has presented the foster home with quite a challenge. After a little more than week with him in their home they decided to call in a professional trainer to evaluate what appeared to be extreme shyness. Here's an account provided by the foster home, located in Stillwater, OK:

We're seeing "a little improvement ... The trainer from Cascade Animal Connections spent an hour with us and said Willie is one of the most fear-filled dogs she has seen. This is noteworthy because she has worked with a dog from Michael Vick's kennels. She shared how to work with him to make him feel safe with people. She tries to utilize the parasympathetic nervous system to help him relax and feel safe, rather than continue to sensitize the sympathetic nervous system that dictates his flight or fight responses—in Willie's case it is a strong flight response that manifests as a "freeze" most of the time.

KNOW YOUR BREEDER

"I am optimistic that he will learn to trust us and feel safe. His spirit was completely squelched by the events that led up to his stay in the animal shelter. He is emotionally very needy--and once he feels safe, he should be able to respond normally."

#2, also in Oklahoma, was quarantined for many months in a shelter due to a case of alleged neglect. We were able to get some information from his microchip and are following up with our contacts in the area, in an attempt to locate his breeder.

#3, was rescued from the Dallas shelter in rather poor health. Malnourished with bad ear and skin infections, also heart worm positive, he has gotten the best veterinary care we can provide and is now recuperating in a foster home, which is provided much needed TLC for his poor boy who has apparently suffered for quite a while. Donations are needed to cover his extensive vet bills.

#4, rescued from a shelter north of Tulsa, came to us with severe wounds that luckily were not life-threatening. He has been neutered and vaccinated and is getting expert foster care from a wonderful family in the area.

Thanks to all our Volunteers who make this ongoing activity successful. With the intake of new dog, Rocket II, from the Euless Shelter on December 23, we officially admitted 40 dogs in 2009. Our Volunteers (Club Members and otherwise) did a fabulous job this year of keeping costs down so we can save more animals. We look forward to a great 2010!



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2010-2011 Membership Drive Concluding

Dues renewal information sent to everyone in November detailed various opportunities our Club provides. We hope you take this time to assess the Club's performance over recent times and consider renewing your Full or Associate Membership. Or applying for new Membership! In case you missed our recent activities, here is a run-down on some of the projects your support provides for the Breed and us all as enthusiasts:

Public Events:

Strut Your Mutt - Dallas, Texas
 Poochfest - Irving Texas
 Denton Dog Days - Denton Texas
 Dog Days at Texas Rangers Ballpark, 2007-2009

Support of Local Shows:

North Texas Terrier Specialty, Dallas
 Texas Gulf Coast Specialty, Houston
 Fort Worth Kennel Club, Fort Worth

Picnics and Outings:

Chili Cook Off—2008, 2009
 Picnic at Lake Lavon
 AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day

Volunteer Opportunities:

Rescue, Fundraising, Show Judge interaction
 March Specialty, BTCA/TCSA/AKC interaction
 Website, Newsletter, many other functions