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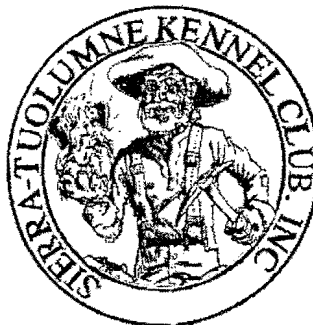
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Meeting Dates & Places for 1999

April 19: Art & Karen Kaua
May 17: Darcy Zimmerman
June 21: Linda Grant
July 19: Ethel Brager
August 16: Helmbold's
September 20: Don Leonard
October 18: Molly Mathiesen
November 15: Tim & Karen Newhoff
December 20: Galka's



AKC LICENSED CLUB
#4135

STKC Agility Trial

NADAC/
ASCA
DATE :
June 12 &
13, 1999
PLACE :
Jamestown
Elementary



(Darcy & Annie showing great fly-off form!!)

CHAIRMAN: Linda Grant
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Premiums have been sent. Now, we are waiting for entries. Trial will be finalized at Darcy's on 5-17. This is an IMPORTANT meeting.

Dates to Remember

**Agility Classes-
Tuesday's :**
Galka's home 4:30
Beginners 5:45 Int/
Advanced



Wednesdays:
OBEDIENCE CLASSES: Fair-grounds: 4:15 & 5:30 CGC 5:30
Puppy Graduation 5-26 beginning at 3:30 **WE NEED HELP.** Therapy Dog Test \$10 per dog; Microchip \$20 per dog

Thursdays: OBEDIENCE CLASSES in MiWuk with Kathy DeMattei

THERAPY DOGS: Sonora Community Hospital Unit 6 & 7 anytime.

Sunday May 9: Therapy Dogs go to Tuolumne General 2:00 pm

Sunday May 16: Therapy Dogs go to Covey Cottage 2:00 pm

Monday April 19: STKC meeting 6:00 pm Darcy's home: 3315 Main St., Vallecito (Park on the street) 736-8034. This is Pre-Trial meeting **IMPORTANT.**

Minutes of STKC Meeting 3/15/99

The Guide Dogs for the Blind in Calaveras County gave a talk prior to the meeting. Three dogs (Labs) attended with their handlers: the Kaua's Cheyenne and her littermate, Carnival handled by Pauline Iwata. They are both 6.5 months. The third dog, Nellis who is 11 months, is living with Bitsy & Mike Cameron. Bitsy spoke about their program. Most Guide dogs at Labs

(70%). They are looking for people to raise potential guide dogs. This is a one to 1 1/2 year project where you take the dog with you 24 hours a day. He lives and sleeps with you. Then, at the end of the project, you have to say good-bye and give him back to the project. At that time they are put in a kennel for about 30 days

until their owner is found and begins the training cycle. If the dog does not pass, the raiser has the first option of keeping the dog. Very interesting meeting. You have to be a special person to work with the program. The meeting was called to order by President Stu Galka at 6:30. **Members present:** Stu & Sherry, Don, Lindsay, Ann, Art & Karen, Augie, Carol & Gordon,

Margery Cavins & Darcy.

Guests: Steve Dunegan & Augie's friend, Rosalind.

The **Treasurer's Report** was filed for audit.

Sherry stated that the new membership books are now available. Please contact her if you would like an update. Sherry has received all the new items from Gateway Press that are now available:

Gear Bags - \$16

Agility & STKC T-Shirts - \$12

Agility & STKC Tanks - \$10

Sweatshirts - \$25

Hooded zippered sweatshirts \$35

STKC mugs - \$5

Bait Bags - \$8

There was no **Secretary's report**. Sherry read two Thank You's from Sharlene Reed for supporting the Hi-4H & Sydney Siever for the great CGC class.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Obedience: Sherry reported that the CGC class was so large that it had to be split with 28 students at 4:15 and 38 at 5:15. Molly will help with the early class & Karen Kaua with the later class. Lindsay had a large puppy class with 14 students. Graduation will be on 5-26 starting at 3:30. We will include a Microchip clinic (\$20) and a TDI test (\$10) for those who want it. The next OB session will begin 6/23.

AGILITY: Classes started 4-13 with both classes full.

EDUCATION: Linda is working with a 4H Obedience and Showmanship group in Copperopolis. They will be competing at the Calaveras County Fair in May.

THERAPY: Sherry reported that STKC is now a Certified TDI Club. They require an annual report filed. Therefore, anyone doing any kind of therapy work, PLEASE keep a record and give to Sherry periodically or semi-annually for the annual report. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Outsiders may now join the kennel club as TDI members. The next TDI test for therapy dogs will be at the graduation on May 26th. The fee is \$10. If you know of anyone interested, contact Sherry.

SUNSHINE: Sherry reported that she

sent a plant to Sharlene who underwent surgery and is in the hospital at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

NADAC/ASCA Trial: Fred will pick up the premiums and send them out this week. All the new ribbons and patches have arrived.

AKC TRIAL: No update.

AKC SHOW/TRIAL: Judges: Sherry reported that AKC has approved the show except for BIS on Sunday. We're working on it!

Trophies Sherry reported that Andie Williams will put the ribbons on the medallions. She will also solicit trophy money from the same donors as last year. **PLEASE**

CALL SHERRY if you haven't placed your name on the trophy list. We have many spots for \$20 to \$125 open. More than one person can offer a trophy. The premium list **MUST** be sent to Supt. no later than 6-1. Steve Dunegan will donate AVO dog food for the big prizes as last year and AVO Biscuits for Best of Breed. He also suggested we make tickets for everything, hand them out at ringside stating all trophies will be picked up at the Trophy Table. Martha will probably need more help.

HOSPITALITY: Andie will help with obtaining flowers, etc. Fox Terrier Newsletter. **Augie & Lindsay** will work together making the judge's lunch. We are looking for a vendor to sell to the public.

EDUCATION: Carol Biederman will chair the committee. She will work with Linda on set-up.

VENDORS: Sherry reported we will have the same espresso.

Andie is working on having a soup & bread booth. The price will raise by \$5 this year.

BRAGS: Darcy bragged 3 times:

- 1) Annie received her first title in NADAC - a Novice Jumper
- 2) Annie had two clean runs in NADAC Novice
- 3) Annie had a spectacular Fly-Off (see front page) and had everyone in stitches!!

Fred bragged that Baron & Nancy had 12 pups - Berners.

The next meeting will be at Darcy Zimmerman's on Monday, May 17. 3313 Main St., Vallecito - 736-8034.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Galka, acting Secretary

Ralston Purina Donates Chow to Starving Alaskan Sled Dogs

Dog Sports Magazine 4/99

Ralston Purina Pet Products has donated more than 20 tons of Purina Dog Chow to help people for Emergency Preparedness Planning for Animals in Alaska (PEPPA) in its efforts to save Alaskan sled dogs that are in danger of starving. The donation is composed of 22 pound bags of food.

In December, the Associated Press reported an extremely low salmon run along the Yukon River had left isolated villages in short supply of fish, which are used in part to feed the sled dogs. In addition to fish, these dogs normally are fed some commercial dog food.

"This disaster is as much a disaster for these people as a fire, flood or earthquake, but there is no state or federal disaster aid for animals" says Garry Wallan, Public Information Officer for PEPPA. "In addition to helping save these animals, Ralston Purina's donation will have a very positive effect on the people of the region, who rely on their dogs to help haul water and wood and to provide transportation.."

The food was distributed in early February to approximately 125 mushers in 19 villages surrounding Bethel, Alaska.

The food was produced at their Denver plant and shipped by ocean container to Anchorage, arriving January 14. The Anchorage Air Cargo Assn (AACAA) arranged to transport the food to Bethel. AACAA members, Lynden Air Cargo, Northern Air Cargo, Air Cargo Express & Alaska Airlines each donated 10,000 pounds of space on their aircraft Air Land Transport donated a truck to help.

AKC SHOW/ TRIAL 11/13 & 14/99

Our November Show is on schedule. Martha is the trophy chairman again with Shelby Bodine assisting. She is taking names of trophy donors NOW as they have to be in the premium list by June 1. The following trophies are open:



SATURDAY:

Utility A Obedience all placings
Utility B Obedience all placings
Hound Group 1
Terrier Group 1

SUNDAY:

Open B Obedience
Utility A Obedience
Utility B Obedience
Sporting Group 1
Hound Group 1

Please call Martha at 532-1939 or Sherry 532-9217 with your choice of trophies.

Umbrella Against Dogs

Aviation Medical Bulletin
April 1999

An open umbrella has been found to be the best defense against an angry dog. Mitzi Robinson, who is in the business of training people who regularly encounter "ferocious" dogs, says, "Point the umbrella in the dog's direction and then open it as he gets close. The umbrella will restrict his view of you, but don't open it too soon." If the dog appears to be frightened, continue opening and closing the umbrella as you walk toward the dog until he runs away. If the dog is not frightened, the opening/closing action should keep him at bay until you can get to a safe place. Robinson says this is the best defensive item for persons who must walk into areas where dogs are.



The Legislative Observer

4/99

Breeding Restrictions: CA Fanciers in Redding and the County of Shasta



would be aware of a new proposal that would: create differential licensing for unaltered animals; limit breeding to one breeding per male or female per year; require breeders to provide names and addresses of everyone to whom they transfer puppies, prohibit advertising by breeders, create a limit of six animals per household and require all kennels to be situated on at least an acre of land.

OTHER LEGISLATION, CA:

Legislators are considering several bills relating to canines:

AB860 introduced by Assemblywoman Helen Thomson would prevent mobile home part leases and common interest developments from prohibiting keeping a pet. The bill may be heard after 3/28.

You may remember Senator Tom Hayden's bill from last year that increased the length of time shelters must hold animals before final disposition (Jennifer Clark of Animal Control talked at length on this two weeks ago on Ch. 8) Those requirements are scheduled to take effect on 7/1/99, but shelters throughout the state fear the great financial burden of the Act. As a result, Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist has introduced **AB1482** to immediately postpone the effective date of those provisions to 7/1/00. The change would apply only to shelters that contracted services with a public entity before 12/31/98. Regardless of the effective date, the Hayden Act opens the door to local ordinances hoping to reduce shelter intake. This is a critical time to monitor local juris-

dictions, particularly those with contract animal services.

Obedience on the Decline?

Front & Finish 3/99
by William Oxandale

What I find is that entries at AKC events are alive and doing reasonably well. Take a look at a comparison of the number of dogs competing through November 1998 with those of the two previous years. It sure looks like 1998 is going to be an up year (Dec is not compiled yet). I think Obedience participation will be up around 3500 dogs.

1996 - total dogs competing through
11/30 - 118,468
1997 - total dogs competing through
11/30 - 118,801
1998 - total dogs competing through
11/30 - 122,415

OBEEDIENCE & AGILITY

AKC Obedience reached a high in 1994, primarily because of the increased entries of those seeking the new UDX title. From 1994 to 1997 the number of competitors in Novice A & Open A declined by 5,124 dogs. Where did these dogs go? It is believed that many were opting to participate in Agility.

So, what's the future of Obedience and Agility? Here's my guess. I think both are due to find a common ground - co-existence. Lots of Obedience people have always shown in Agility - just for the freedom in it. It just might be that Agility exhibitors will now discover Obedience - just for the discipline in it. As agility exhibitors move up to higher level classes, they just should discover that the control so necessary in Obedience, would be a highly desirable asset in Agility. And here's a revealing observation of my own: to be competitive in Agility, it helps to be young and in good condition, something not too common in

today's "Big Mac & Fries" society. In summary, I think that the new events and venues on the scene today do succeed in one thing - they attract people to the sport of dogs. That is good. We should not worry about which event is better or which event a person should compete in. Just be glad they compete at all. Celebrate the fact that they do it because they are having fun with their dog - that they are doing something that is difficult to do and do well - that they are doing something they can be really proud of.

Effects of Neutering on Male Dog Behavior

Front & Finish 1-99
by Margery West

The following figures are taken from the article "Effects of Castration on Problem Behaviors in Male Dogs with Reference to Age and Duration of Behavior" by J.C. Neilson DVM. This study included 57 dogs, all intact, over two years old and all having one or more of the following behaviors:

- Urine Marking
- Mounting
- Roaming
- Fear of inanimate stimuli (noise)
- Aggression toward family member
- Aggression toward unfamiliar persons away from home.
- Aggression toward other dogs in household
- Aggression toward human territorial invaders.

After neutering, the greatest improvement was found in urine marking, roaming and mounting with 25-40% of the dogs reported as 90% improved and 60% improved by 50%

About 25% had a 50-90% improvement in aggression toward human and canine family members.

About 10-15% had a 50-90% improvement in aggression toward strange hu-

mans and dogs

The least affected was Fear of inanimate stimuli with a less than 1% improvement

Age and duration of the behavior had little or no relationship to the amount of improvement. Although this particular study followed older dogs with established problems, early neutering will prevent some of these problems ever starting.

**I HAVE SEEN THE TRUTH AND
IT MAKES NO SENSE**

Unknown

The Doggie Pledge

submitted by Barbara
Broad

- I will not eat the cats' food, before or after they eat it.
- "Kitty box crunchies" are not dog food.
- The computer's mouse is, unlike a real mouse, inedible
- I will not eat the disposable diapers, especially the dirty ones.
- I will not play tug-o-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
- I will not eat any more socks and then re-deposit them in the backyard after processing.
- I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell him.
- I will not chew crayons or pens, 'specially not the red ones so my people will think I am dying.
- I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
- I will not wake Mommy up by sticking my cold, wet nose up her ear.
- I will not throw up in the car.
- When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.
- I must shake the rainwater out of



my fur before entering the house.

- I will not steal my Mom's underwear and dance all over the backyard with it.
- The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom and Dad's laps.
- We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark each time I hear one on TV
- I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
- My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
- I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
- The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.

How Many Dogs Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb?

MB-F Newsletter 4-99

Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned-out light bulb?

Border Collie: Just one. And I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

Rottweiler: Go Ahead! Make me! Labrador: Oh, me, me!!! Oh Pleeeeze? Pleeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I?

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

Doberman Pinscher: While it's dark, I'm going to sleep on the couch.

Australian Shepherd: Put all the light bulbs in a little circle....

Old English Sheepdog: Light bulb? Light bulb? That thing I just ate was a light bulb?

Malamute: Let the Border Collie do it. You can feed me while he's busy.

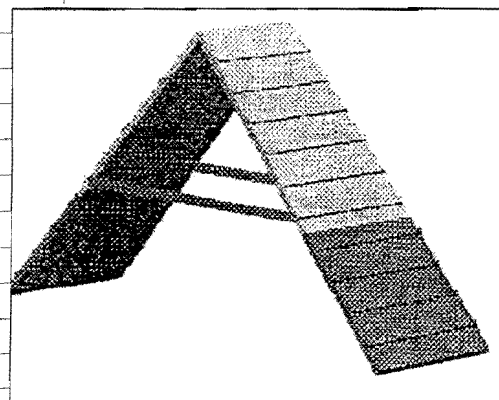
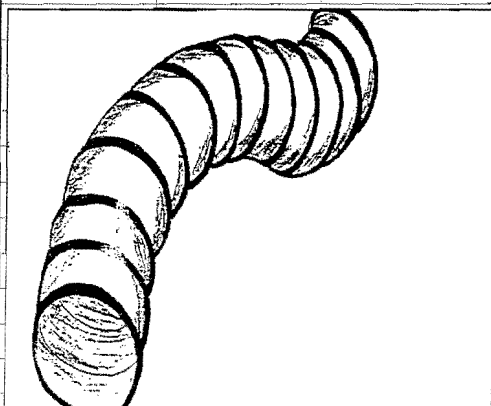
Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

Mastiff: Mastiffs are NOT afraid of the dark

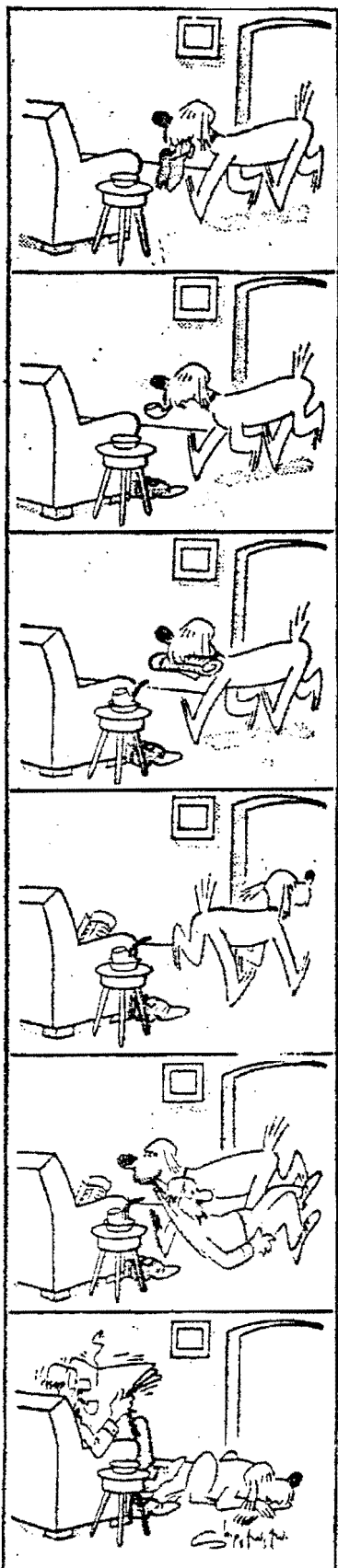
Hound Dog: ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb
Shih-Tzu: Puh-leeze, dah-ling. Let the servants.....

Event	Date	Club/Entries/Location	Closing/Judges
USDAA	May 8 & 9	Bay Team, Hayward www.bayteam.org	Closes 4-19
Trial		Julie Craig, Jcraig@pahv.xerox.com; 408-245-2465	Judges: J. Gauntt & E. Evans
AKC	May 15 & 16	Redwood Belgian Terv Club, Hayward	Closes 4/28; \$17 & \$5
Trial		Karey Krauter 650-926-3674; kek@slac.stanford.edu	Judges: Pat Charlton & Craig French
AKC	May 15 & 16	Truckee Meadows DTC, Reno	Closes 4/21 \$22 each dog, \$10 add'l entry
Trial		Chris Dudte, 702-673-1433	Judge: Carrie Elks-DeYoung all classes
NADAC	May 29-31	Starfleet Agility, Dixon	TBA
ASCA Trial		MVincent 916-687-8667, 10925 Bruceville Rd, Elk Gro	Judges: E. Hizer, B. Vincent, W. Lightner
AKC	June 5 & 6	Del Monte K.C., Salinas	Closes 5/19; \$20 & \$8
Trial		Mary Lou Copp, 1075 Spare Park Way, Mtn Vw 9404	Judges: Jan Peterson
NADAC	June 12 & 13	STKC, Jamestown	Closes: 5/29/99
ASCA Trial		Linda Grant 209-533-2276 or tyedyed@sonnet.com	Judges: Katherine Horn, Tammy Wiebe
AKC	June 19 & 20	Monterey Bay DTC, Watsonville	Closes 6/2
Trial		Dale Root 831-422-8807	Judge: Karen TenEyck
AKC	June 26 & 27	Shetland Sheepdog Club, Hayward	Closes 6/11
Trial		Lorie Abbot, 2144 Broadmore, Livermore 94550	Judges: Ella Hoselton & Darlene Woz
USDAA	Sept 4 -6	Bay Team, Hayward www.bayteam.org	TBA
Trial		Karey Krauter 650-926-3674; kek@slac.stanford.edu	TBA
AKC	Sept 11 & 12	STKC, Sonora	Closes: TBA
Trial	Tentative	Linda Grant 209-533-2276 or tyedyed@sonnet.co	Judges: TBA
NADAC	Oct 16 & 17	PASA, Tres Pinas, CA	TBA
Trial		Frank Butera, 189 Tulip Blossom Ct., San Jose 95123	TBA
AKC Show	Nov 13 & 14	STKC, Sonora	Closes 10-27
OB TRIAL		Sherry Galka 209-532-9217; sleddog@lodelink.co	Supt: MBF Dog Shows; \$20 first dog
NADAC	Nov 13 & 14	The Bay Team www.bayteam.org	Closes: TBA
Trial		Karey Krauter kek@slac.stanford.edu; 650-926-3674	Judges:
NADAC	Dec 4 & 5	CAT, Madera	TBA
Trial			TBA



WHAT TO FEED AN OLDER DOG



We humans sometimes lose our appetites when we grow old. Those of us who don't may find ourselves gaining weight, although we're eating exactly what we ate when we were younger, because we're less physically active. It shouldn't (you should excuse the expression) happen to a dog!

Unfortunately, weight gain does happen to dogs as well as humans. And since they, too, are living longer, feeding the geriatric dog has become a growing concern.

Dogs living longer

"Dogs are living much longer on the average than they did 30 to 40 years ago," says Francis Kallfelz, DVM, PhD, professor of veterinary nutrition at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. "While that is in part due to control of diseases like distemper and hepatitis, I'm convinced that another factor is better nutrition."

As dogs age and become less active, it's very important not to feed them as many calories as you did when they were younger so they don't become obese. One obvious approach is to feed them smaller amounts of food. Another is to select a senior-type diet formulated to have lower caloric density. Soft-moist foods can be a problem in that the volume necessary to meet daily nutritional requirements is generally lower than dry or canned foods. "If you're the owner of a 30-pound Beagle and you're putting 900 calories of soft-moist food into his bowl, it may not look like much. There is a tendency to think, 'This can't possibly be enough,' and so you provide more. This could increase the probability that a dog will gain weight," says Dr. Kallfelz.

Loss of appetite

Another area of concern is the dog who has lost his appetite with age. Increasing age should not have a negative effect on appetite, says Dr. Kallfelz, whose own Golden Retriever, at 13, is "just as hungry as he ever was." If an older animal is not eating, take him or her to your veterinarian to rule out a medical cause.

Let 'em eat cat food

If there is no underlying medical problem, anything that the owner can do to entice the animal to eat is fine, according to Dr. Kallfelz. That includes letting the dog eat cat food. "Cat foods are higher in fat and protein than many dog foods, and these nutrients are palatability enhancers that could just tempt an older dog with an appetite problem to eat."

The solution for restoring an older dog's appetite could also be as simple as changing from one form of food to another, particularly if the new food is of higher quality and palatability. The dog who has begun to turn up his nose at dry dog food, for example, may find canned food or a mix of dry and canned food more appetizing. Alternatively, you can make the dry food more palatable by using soup or gravy to moisten it.

The constipated dog

Another problem that older dogs share with aging humans is constipation. When that happens, the solution can be to add more bulk to the diet. Some newer products have different types of fiber—beet pulp, for example—for that purpose. If you don't want to risk a drastic change of diet, relief can be as simple as adding some wheat bran to the dog's regular food. 🐾



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Bulldog



He was originally a fighting dog, but now he's about as easygoing as a dog can be. The Bulldog is intelligent and trainable, but because of his face and body type, light exercise is enough to keep him healthy, and an air-conditioned house is his favorite place in the summer.

Bulldogs are devoted to their families and get along well with other pets. They especially like kids. They normally won't bark at visitors, but in an emergency, an intruder could discover just how powerful their massive jaws are.

The Bulldog was probably created by breeding Mastiffs and terriers together. He earned the name Bulldog from a cruel sport, "bullbaiting," that involved the dog pinning a bull by its nose. Bullbaiting was outlawed in 1778.

His short coat only needs once-a-week brushing, but his face feels better with daily cleaning, especially in the wrinkles. His short, fine coat should be red brindle; all other brindles; solid white; solid red, fawn, or fallow; or Piebald, in which the color patches are well defined.

EXCERPTS FROM THE STANDARD

General Appearance:

Medium-sized with a smooth coat and heavy, low-slung body, a massive short-faced head, wide shoulders, and sturdy limbs. Equally strong, courageous, and kind; peaceful and dignified.

Size, Proportion, and Substance:

Weight—males, about 50 pounds; females, about 40 pounds.



The formerly ferocious Bulldog serves as the mascot of England, of Yale University, and of the United States Marine Corps.

