

WIGGLEBUTT: Publication of the Bulldog Club of Denver

Every Question You Were Afraid to Ask About Dogs and Marijuana

http://barkpost.com/dogs-and-weed/

Important Dates:

✓ Oct 31: Bulloween @ Mantayo 2-5pm

✓ Nov 2-8: BCA 2015 Nationals

✓ Jan 2nd: Christmas party

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breathing problems
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incontinence

With legalization of marijuana in full swing in many states across the US, the effect of weed on dogs has become an even more pertinent question. The VRCC Animal Hospital in Englewood, Colorado reported to <u>ABC News</u> that they receive 2-3 animals a week who have accidentally ingested medical marijuana, and 97 percent of them are dogs. It's unclear as to whether the number of dogs accidentally eating marijuana has gone up significantly since its legalization in Colorado, or whether people just feel more comfortable bringing them to vets. Regardless, every dog owner should know the signs.

If my dog ingests marijuana accidentally, what symptoms should I look out for?

Dogs can ingest weed, just like humans, accidentally: By eating a pot brownie off the counter, or being around secondhand marijuana smoke. Of course, you should not keep marijuana or food made from marijuana where your dog could eat it. Similarly, you should not smoke weed in the same room, or even the same house, as a dog. That said, common symptoms include: lethargic; breathing problems; lower blood pressure; abnormal heart thythms; loss of balance; incontinence.

But these are just some common symptoms—there is no way to anticipate how your dog will respond, especially considering the size of your dog and what else they're ingesting along with the pot. If you suspect your pup has gotten into your stash, especially if he has ingested chocolate as well as the weed, take him to your

vet, ASAP.

How do you treat a dog who has eaten marijuana?

First, you should take them to the vet immediately. Vets will usually try to induce vomiting in your dog to get anything they've eaten out of their system. If your dog is too lethargic (a hint that the THC is already in his bloodstream) you should not try to induce vomiting because the dog could swallow it and asphyxiate. Vets will then watch the pup for seizures (which can happen if they ate a LOT of weed) and give them fluids to try to clear their system faster. But then you've just gotta watch and wait.

The most important thing to know is that it doesn't matter what illegal substances your dog has ingested: You need to take your dog to a vet and the vet needs to know exactly what they might have in their system. Your dog can't be treated if the vet doesn't have all the information, and no, they will not arrest you.

Can marijuana kill my dog?

It takes a LOT of weed to kill your dog: During a <u>study</u> of dog reactions to cannabis in legalized medical marijuana states, 2 out of 125 dogs who ingested cannabis butter (basically butter with marijuana extract) died. It is most likely that extremely high levels of marijuana are toxic to dogs, but research has yet to determine whether or not cannabis is the primary cause of death, or whether ingesting other toxins along with the marijuana (say, chocolate) is more to blame. Owners should be vigilant, especially if you have a small, old or sick dog.

What about medical marijuana?

Increasingly, owners of dogs with chronic pain, nausea, or appetite problems have begun asking if medical marijuana could help their dog's quality of life, like it has done for some people. Los Angeles veterinarian Doug Kramer spoke to the Associated Press about the drug's capacity to extend a dog's life and give them a few more months of normalcy.

"I grew tired of euthanizing pets when I wasn't doing everything I could to make their lives better," Kramer said. "I felt like I was letting them down."

While Kramer says that his position is identical to the AMA's, which says that cannabis' effect on dogs needs further study before any can be prescribed as a way to manage a disease, when his Husky, Nikita, was dying, in pain, and refused to eat, medical cannabis was the only thing that made her feel better.

Many pet parents feel the same way: If your pup is distressed, why not give it a shot? Many vets and researchers advise caution. As Dr. Duncan Lascelles, a professor of surgery and pain management at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, said:

"I think it's pretty bad that there are a number of veterinarians that are giving a variety of different products by a variety of different roots without any bases behind it at all."





What do we say? Consult a vet you trust, and do not medicate your dog yourself. You have no idea what you're giving them, especially in a state where medical marijuana is illegal (which is 28 states in all, by the way). Would you prescribe an unknown pain medication for yourself, or a member of your family? Dogs rely on us to be their advocates, and their decision makers. A dog owner takes that job seriously, especially when their pup is sick.

BULLDOG CLUB OF DENVER – September '15 – BOARD MEETING

Call to order by President Danny Trevino at Wendy's I-25 & 58th Ave. at 7:10PM

Motion made by Rod Peterson seconded by Nancy Brown to accept the minutes as printed in the Wigglebutt. Carried

Secretary's Report

Offer from CKC to support the Bulldog entry in Feb. Motion made by Rod Peterson and seconded by Ken Sanford to support Bulldog entry with a Bulldog Club of Medallion and \$25 gift card for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Operating Account \$585.69
- Show Account \$3119.92
- Show Savings Account \$20916.23
- Total \$24621.84
- CD still needs to be taken care of

Committee Reports

• Show – still need hotel contract. Trophies discussed whether or not to have something different each day.

Unfinished Business

- Award Plaques changes to award plaques need to be done send suggestions to Nancy Brown before the next meeting so we can present it to the membership for approval.
- Review of Books Board will consult with Jacqui Bester, Cheri Siegrist and Rod Peterson to review the books.
- Bulloween will be Oct 31 from 2-5 at Mantayo. Attendees are asked to bring a light snack to share.
- Bmatch set for Noon at Jason Park club will furnish pizza and we will hold general meeting immediately following.
- Sign up sheet for Christmas party passed around.



• Discussion about meeting change for Oct.

Motion made by Lauri Ley and seconded by Nancy Brown to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marzetta Peterson, Sec.





BULLDOG CLUB OF DENVER - September '15 - GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Danny Trevino at Jason Park immediately following B-match refreshments. Danny thanked all for coming and welcomed the guest.

Motion made by Jacqui Bester and seconded by Nancy Brown to accept the minutes as printed in Wigglebutt. Carried.

Secretary's Report

• All judges' contracts have been received and the show apps have been mailed.



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- Karen has King Soopers cards if anyone needs one contact her.

Committee Reports

• Show – still needs to get hotel contract.

Unfinished Business

- Award Plaques will be discussed and changes made at board meeting.
- Review of books Jacqui, Cheri and Rod have all agreed to do review.
- Christmas Party set for Jan 2 at Broadlands community room. We need to give deposit and rental fee.
- Bulloween Oct 31 at Mantayo from 2-5 attendees are asked to bring light snacks.
- Judges selection for 2017 needs to be done soon. Bring suggestion to next meeting.

New Business

Nominations for service award now being accepted. Nancy Brown and Karen Trevino.

Motion made by Nancy Brown and seconded by Cheri Siegrist to adjourn. Carried.

Hello SUNSHINE!

Respectfully Submitted,

Marzetta Peterson, Sec.



"Has Poo stuck his head in the honeypot again??"



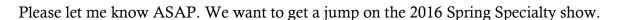
From our SHOW CHAIR, Nancy:

I am looking for Committee Chairs for the 2016 BCD Specialty Show.

No Experience necessary; we will train and help!!!

Anyone willing/interested in chairing the following committees:

- Hospitality
- Trophy Donations
- Judges Hospitality
- Entertainment
- Catalog Ads
- Vendors
- Ring Set up/Tear Down



Thanks. Nancy Brown

nebmsu@gmail.com or mommasbullies@yahoo.com

B-match Winners!

Best Puppy & Best in Match:

Peach – 6-9 month puppy bitch



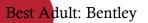
Even if it's a B-Match, the competitive spirit was still there ©











Best of Opposite Adult: Penney









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Health Corner:

LEARNING FROM HEARTBREAK

Cassandra de la Rosa, AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, June 1 2015

We can only make informed decisions if we glean information from our experiences as breeders—including some that are heartbreaking.

The most important dog you own is not the one who won the most ribbons, produced the most champions, or sleeps in your bed. It's the one who just died of something other than old age, because this is the dog who furthers your knowledge so you can make informed choices in your breeding program or caring for your dogs.

Having to have a puppy or young dog euthanized because of a severe health issue is devastating on its own, but the job is not done, even before your tears are dried. Your trauma is compounded by the need to order a necropsy—an examination of the remains—to determine cause of death. When we lose something precious, the legacy can be more than memories.

Nature is not perfect. Many diseases or conditions are the result of spontaneous mutations that occurred during prenatal development. Some of these abnormalities may become hereditary if the corrupted DNA reproduces itself in future generations.

Researchers say mutations are responsible for hereditary kidney problems in some dogs. The failure of the embryonic halves to completely join is another hereditary condition. Cleft palate, livershunt problems, heart abnormalities, hydrocephalus, and other issues are miseries we prefer to spare our dogs and ourselves.

There are also congenital abnormalities, spontaneous mistakes that happen during the developmental process. The mystery of two cells—

sperm and egg—joining and then dividing to create a fully developed individual involves billions of cells that morph into various organs, muscles, and bodily functions. These "worker cells" can be disrupted during their path to perfection by exposure to environmental hazards or pathogens, or by simple mistakes that just happen, like a hiccup during nature's delicate balancing act. The results are abnormalities that may kill the unborn, be readily apparent in a newborn, or not be observable for several weeks or months. We can reduce the incidence of such conditions if we make informed decisions when we breed. We can only make informed decisions if we glean information from our experience.

The postmortem exam, or necropsy, is the visual examination of the exterior and interior of the body after death. We learn the causes of symptoms by viewing and examining the organs that malfunctioned. A puppy whom I recently put down had a false anus with no outlet, and a rectum (lower bowel) with no end; a fistula (opening) had formed between the rectum and the vaginal wall, through which fecal material passed successfully until she was weaned. Because of the fistula, this puppy lived normally for six weeks, then failed precipitously. A necropsy revealed this rare congenital problem, which is seen in small breeds but is not hereditary. Equally important, it assuaged fear that I had failed to recognize a preventable problem.

Some problems may require microscopic examination of tissue samples and/or chemical analysis of blood or body fluids. The added cost of these tests needs to be balanced against the value of the information. Occasionally, the expensive answer is that there is no answer.

If a dog dies at home and you want a necropsy, consult your vet immediately. If you can't deliver the remains immediately, ask about proper storage. Freezing destroys some evidence, but refrigeration is always necessary.

If you breed dogs long enough, you will see things you never imagined. Grow your experience by learning from heartbreak. —Cassandra de la Rosa, American Lhasa Apso Club; AKC Gazett

Did you know?

Any breeders who are members of the Bulldog Club of America Breeder program must sign and abide by the BCA Breeder's Code of Ethics. Please visit http://www.bulldogclubofamerica.org/bca?id=188 to read the code of ethics.

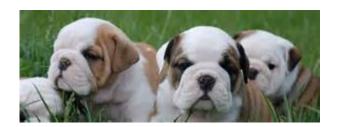
I'm reprinting the preface:

"This Breeder's Code of Ethics is written keeping the best interest of the Bulldog at heart. Conscientious breeders should exceed bare minimum requirements and expectations, setting a standard for all others to follow. The goal always being to produce quality Bulldogs that closely conform to the Breed Standard, of even temperament, vigorous and free of health problems, to that end, I hereby pledge to:" And then it enumerates 17 general practice points and adds an additional 7 encouragements on top of that!

Our breeders who are part of the Bulldog Club of Denver carry a weighty responsibility in furthering the betterment of our breed. I'm struck by the above article and realize that its not always roses and sweet smelling rosebuds and bulldog kisses that inhabit the world of our breeder friends. In some instances, it's also the heartbreak and loss and investigation into what happened.

I have tremendous respect for our club's breeders. You should as well as they probably have experienced more heartache with litters than you may have. Breeding bulldogs is no easy task and bulldog births are fraught with much that can go awry.

A BIG THANK YOU to those of us who endure, persevere, breed in spite of the challenges, and allow us to adopt their precious ones.





Courtesy of Kaela and Taylor T.

Thanks ladies for this fantastic stencil!!



100 Days of Holidays

Bulldog Pumpkin Stencil

- Clean out the pumpkin, scraping the flesh thinnest in the region in which you'll carve the design. Use a photocopier to enlarge or reduce the pattern to fit the pumpkin.
- 2. Attach the pattern to the pumpkin with tape.
- 3. Use a pin to make closely spaced pin pricks along the stencil lines, piercing the paper.
- 4. Use thin crafts, linoleum, or wood-cutting knives to carve the pattern. Cut completely through solid lines. Simply peel away skin within dotted lines (known as "etching") to enhance features. You may want to etch before you carve to avoid breakage.



CUT completely through

scrape skin away



WAILL OF WINNERS



Grand Champion Gch Major League Roland Bailey Sire: GCH Just Lonestar Brightlights Big City Dam: CH Major League Ruffian

Newest Grand Champion in the Brown household! Way to go, Nancy and Champ!!

Bred-by Champion Ch Mommas Fistful of Glitter

Sire: GCH Adamant Rock Monster

Dam: Redrocks Cecilia UR Breaking My Heart

Not to be outdone, Pinky earns her champion status as well!!





CH Greatrock's Phat Bottom Girl

Sire: GCH Majestic I'm Her Man Dam: CH. Greatrock's Ko-Kayne

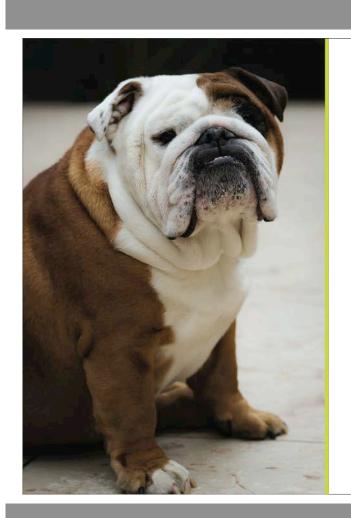
Phoebe strutting her stuff to a Best of Opposite win © WELL DONE!! P.S. Phoebe is Greatrock's newest home-bred Champion as well



Couldn't help this winning pic!

Unsure who is cuter....

my vote is on the bulldog ©



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This and That....

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Please make note of it and ensure you don't ignore any messages from the above address!

A HUGE "WELCOME

to the CLUB" to our

newest member:

Kathy McCullough

6045 6075 RD

Olathe, CO 81425

970-275-8781

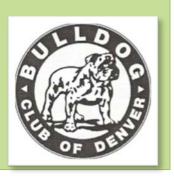
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Kathy hails from where the sweetest corn grows on the western slope and makes it to our spring specialties on a consistent basis.



A few more weeks til my dressup day....!

• Upcoming EDUCATIONAL TOPICS:



- Bulldog standard (CONFIRMED FOR OCTOBER WITH ROD)
 - Ringside etiquette
 - CPR for Bulldogs
- Puppy placement and finding good homes
- October General meeting will include a discussion of the Bulldog standard. Come prepared to pepper our presenter with your questions!!
- Thank you for all the suggestions of vets that you place your trust in! One of them hopefully will be joining us

in November! keep your fingers crossed!!!

- October Hospitality:
 Lizzie/Jonas and the
 Sanfords
- November Hospitality: Jacqui B and Lauri L

THANKS to our hospitality volunteers!





Eat more cookies...chips...or whatever else makes you share your snacks with me!





Disease Resistant Pumpkin

The University of Georgia has released a new pumpkin / winter squash named 'Orange Bulldog'. This pumpkin has been developed from germplasm collected in the jungles of South America with greater levels of resistance to viruses than conventional pumpkins. In tests in south Georgia, this pumpkin has consistently produced greater yields than conventional pumpkins it was tested against in fall production. In many cases the conventional pumpkins produced no fruit because the plants were killed by viruses before flowering while 'Orange Bulldog' produced 13,000 to 20,000 pound per acre.



BCD: The BCD was founded to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Bulldogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

We urge our members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as the only standard of excellence and protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows.

The BCD is a member of the Bulldog Club of America (BCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC).

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