

BCD WIGGLEBUTT



REFLECTIONS OF 2019
AND
A NEW DECADE ON THE
HORIZON!

HOW TO TELL IF A DOG TRUSTS YOU

Studies show that dogs are some of the most loyal and loving pets in existence. Once they form strong relationship bonds with their owners, they can stay faithful to them for as long as they live. This gives you all the more reason to give as much love and trust to your dog as they do you. Although we have busy schedules that sometimes deny us the opportunity to adequately bond with them, we need to make it up during our free days. And you need to know how to tell if a dog trusts you.

One of the most treasured emotions to dogs is trust. They need to trust you fully in order to commit and offer you their loyalty. There are several signs that will tell if your dog already trusts you or if you need to work on it.

1. He has Mastered your Routine

According to <http://www.rd.com/advice/pets/signs-your-dog-trusts-you/>, dogs consider routine normal hence enabling them to build trust and long lasting relationships. This is one of the easiest ways on how to tell if a dog trusts you. The dog will fully learn its master's routine if trust is present. In this case, you will notice him pulling stunts such as waiting by the door around the time you get home, heading to his plate for his meal right after you come in, fetch your slippers as soon as you collapse on the sofa. This means that he trusts that your routine will remain the same no matter what.

Merry Christmas!

President's Corner



Dear Members,

A big thanks to everyone that came to Bulloween on November 2nd. We had several bulldogs dressed as ladybugs, sharks, pilots and parrots. It was a fun time for dogs and owners. After Bulloween, we had a combined board and club meeting. The members voted Stacie Gleeson as our new club secretary.

Thank you Stacie for taking on these duties. We will all learn together as we push the club forward to the next level.

With the new secretary transition, the yearly dues notices are a little late and will be sent out soon. The deadline for the dues is the last day of February (this year 2/29). Also, the club award form for the 2019 calendar year is up on the website. Please complete the form and return it to Nancy Brown. The deadline for the awards form is the last day of March.

A big thanks to each and every member for your support of the club. This is your club and you are what makes it what it is. Participation of the membership makes this club successful. Thank you and Keep It Up!

This holiday season, I invite you to join me in taking a few minutes every day to think about the positive impact that you have on the world and, in particular, this club. If you have trouble finding something specific, here's my suggestion for the season: simply share a kind word and smile with someone. It could be anyone, a friend, family member, club member or stranger. Sometimes that makes all the difference in a person's day.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

2. Doesn't Panic When You Leave

Some dogs, especially new additions to the family are known to panic and experience anxiety episodes whenever the owner leaves the house. They translate it as abandonment and this frightens them to the bone. This is when you notice your pet barking at and scratching the door hoping to get away from the confinement (your house). However, if your pet trusts that you always come back to them, they will naturally relax and calmly watch you leave without creating a scene.

3. Stares You in the Eye

Dogs, as well as other animals, take a stare in the eye as a challenge and this is when they are most likely to attack the counterpart. This explains why this is highly discouraged especially with other people's pets. However, if your dog fully trusts you, they will be able to stare you straight in the eye for even more than 30 minutes. This is another great way on how to tell if a dog trusts you. According to <http://metro.co.uk/2016/04/28/7-signs-that-your-dog-really-loves-you-5845865/>, this raises their oxytocin levels. This is the same 'love' hormone present in humans. It is the same hormone that makes a mother deeply fall in love with their newborn child. This means that your dog has already grown a high level of affection towards you hence built trust. A dog that fully trusts and respects you will initiate and hold eye contact.

4. Loves Spending Time with You

Dogs, just like humans love their privacy and prefer to have a constant spot in the home that they can call theirs. This is where they retrieve to when they aren't in the mood for play, tired or hurt. However, if yours fully trusts you, they will prefer to sleep in your bedroom or even bed. They feel no need to hide or turn away from you.

Disclaimer; you may need to think long and hard about letting him sleep in your bedroom. Once he settles in, it may be difficult to get him out.

5. Open to Cuddling

According to <http://en.newsner.com/new-study-10-proofs-that-your-dog-really-loves-you-and-is-truly-your-best-friend/about/animals>, a dog portrays his love and trust for its owner through cuddling. This is especially so after meals. Anyone who owns or hangs around dogs knows that they value their meal times. If yours comes to you for a cuddle right after his meals then it means that you are a priority to them. Some may just come over and lean against you which is a strong sign of trust. Allow him to do this routinely every night just to reassure him of your love.

Dogs are highly emotional animals and they are not afraid to show it when disappointed, hurt, excited or even anxious. Always look out for signs as these will help you understand exactly how your four-legged friend feels about you. If you feel the need to strengthen your relationship, choose to spend more time with him after work or during the weekends. A fun fact about dogs is that they love the outdoors so you can bring them with you anywhere; on dates, camping trips and casual hangouts with friends.

<https://doggiedesires.com/how-to-tell-if-a-dog-trusts-you/>



BCD Combined Board/General Meeting Minutes

Almost the end of the year! Have you been naughty or nice this year? Will Santa bring mountains of coal lumps or oodles and oodles of candy cane spritzers and mistletoe cupcakes?

Bulldog Club of Denver Combined General/Board Meeting – November 2019

Meeting called to order at 1:35pm by President John Thompson.

Minutes printed in the Wigglebutt required amendment from the board and general meetings. For General meeting, John proposed Karla Thompson for show chair (with no co-chair). For board meeting minutes, John did not say he would not set up a club store, but rather would bring it to the membership for a vote. Sara French made a motion to amend the minutes for each meeting, seconded and motion carried.

Secretary's Report

No secretary report, as Marzetta Peterson resigned the day after the last general meeting. John mentioned that Stacie Gleeson has volunteered to take the role, but could not be at the meeting due to other obligations. No other volunteers were presented. It was clarified that this would be through the end of the current term, and per bylaws the nominating committee will prepare a new slate at the next election in 2020. Ken Sanford nominated Stacie for the role. Karla made a motion to vote on the nomination, seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Operating Account - \$3,280.57
- Show Account - \$9,772.66
- Savings - \$11,929.64
- CD - \$10,642.31
- Total - \$35,625.18

Expenses this month were \$1,400 for the show deposit, \$25.20 for Bulloween supplies, \$29.89 for printer ink. Deposits were \$159.51 from King Soopers cards. We usually receive ~\$200/month, so this was unusually low. John added a reminder to this in the President's Corner of the Wigglebutt.

Show Committee

John gave an update on the show site contract, which was redone to limit our rental based on votes at the last general meeting. Redoing contract saved \$1,650. Rod Peterson pointed out the potential savings at a prior board meeting, and changes were made based on votes at the last general meeting. Thanks to Rod for bringing this to light.

Karla also mentioned RV's will need to be coordinated and payment collected through the club – it will be added to our final payment. A cutoff for reservations hasn't been established. This will need to be noted in the premium list.



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Karla gave an update on judges voted on at the last meeting – she reached out to all of them and none are available on our required dates. Liz Karshner is judging in Spain at the world dog show, The Millers are unavailable on Friday, Cody Sickle is unavailable due to it being tax time, and Van Blevins is judging somewhere else in the division but would be happy to judge in 2021. Karla looked at names on the website, and came up with some alternatives for consideration:

- Jan Lewis
- Rudy Kilgus
- Marcel Daignault
- Dan & Toni Powers (backup)

Motion made by Ken Sanford to contact all five judges to fill the panel, seconded and motion carried.

Sweepstakes has not been voted on by the membership yet, and the group discussed whether to have a sweeps show. Shawn Ashbaugh recommended Bill Fletcher – a Shiba Inu breeder from South Dakota that is looking to submit to judge bulldogs next year. It is worth a credit to the AKC for him to come judge for us, and would be a good opportunity to train an all-breed judge. Shawn made a motion that we hold a Sweepstakes entry on Saturday at our show, it was seconded and motion carried. Kent McGriff motioned to have Bill Fletcher be the Sweepstakes judge, which was seconded and motion carried.

Host hotel is still being reviewed, and the show committee will be holding a meeting soon regarding details. Moira Bright is working on this on the club's behalf.

Karla is working on fundraising items and will report back to the club.

Sara will be the trophy chair this year. Discussion from club members regarding budget and types of trophies to be obtained. Sara recommended a starting point of \$3,000 for a trophy budget. Karla made a motion for the \$3,000 budget – motion was seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business

Status of club trailer changed after the last meeting, and the Petersons requested it be moved from their property. Landon Richards offered to move the trailer to his property in Burlington. Thank you to Landon for offering to keep the trailer and to Karla and Shawn for inventorying items in the trailer. Looking at the trailer, there is an issue with the tires being old and unsafe. The spare tire is also 2" smaller than the regular tires. John recommends we replace the tires on the trailer and replace the rim and tire on the spare with a 15" tire versus the 13" it is today given the travel required. John offered to donate the replacement tires and rim to the club, but wanted the membership to know of the update to the trailer. Trailer is also partially filled with club archives, which at some point should be digitized. A presentation board was also in the trailer from a prior education session that could be documented and turned into a handout. Conversation occurred as to whether anyone was a club historian and there is not at this time. There are also historian books at member homes of historical pedigrees and champions that should be digitized. No decision to be made at this time, but making note of the need for the future.

Reminder that the Wigglebutt editor will be changing starting in 2020. Moira Bright will be taking over in January. Thank you again to Albert for doing such a wonderful job during his tenure as editor.

New Business

John has outlined recommendations for meetings in 2020 to follow the same schedule as 2019. There will need to be a different meeting date/time set for the first board meeting as it falls on January 1. Sara will contact the Denver libraries and see if the regular meeting spaces are available.

Meeting minutes continued..

Financial audit committee needs to be identified for this year with one general member and one board member. Committee will be established at December board meeting.

Motion made by Ken Sanford to adjourn – seconded and carried.

Quorum was not reached to continue with board meeting – board members in attendance were John Thompson, Sara French and Karen Trevino.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara French

With a THANKFUL HEART..

When I was fortunate to take over Wigglebutt Editor responsibilities from the AWESOME Sandy Reid in Feb 2011, little did I know what



an incredible journey it would be for me to flex my creative side and also brag about our amazing BULLDOG BREED!

This edition marks my last as editor and I'd like to THANK each and every member who has reached out whenever a newsletter inspired you, challenged you, educated you, or made you SMILE ☺

~ Albert~

A look back at our Wigglebutt changes and old-faithful inclusions:

- We used to print and snail-mail the Wigglebutt monthly...until email became more ubiquitous and folks were able to nearly instantaneously read it.
- We used to have snacks offered by a member at each board or general meeting!
- We used to print show results highlighting/showing only our club members placements (tons of pages).
- We still have a health/wellness corner focusing on various topics. ☺
- We still liberally sprinkle pictures and pictures and more pictures in each and every Wigglebutt! ☺
- We FREELY offer the Wigglebutt monthly 12 times a year..no holidays, no timeoff ☺
- We celebrate NEW CHAMPIONS and opportunities to BRAG about our BEAUTIFUL BULLDOGS! ☺
- We make memories and document the comings and goings of the BCD. ☺



Bulloween pics



Bulldogs were MADE for BULLOWEEN!

Land-sharks can still be in cages...

Hippos and ladybugs can be besties...



Chase be givin' Rocky a run for his titles...

Bulldog caterpillars - they're AWESOME!



Ladybullbugs..... dainty and precious ☺

Baby parrots are cute, cute, CUTE!

Who cares the cape size, BULLDOGS ARE SUPERHEROS!



Feelin' spiders on my back - but gonna power thru!







WHY DOES MY DOG KICK THE GRASS AFTER POOPING?

[HTTPS://WWW.CANIDAE.COM/BLOG/2017/07/WHY-DOES-MY-DOG-KICK-THE-GRASS-AFTER-POOPING/](https://www.canidae.com/blog/2017/07/why-does-my-dog-kick-the-grass-after-pooing/)

The act of eliminating feces is somewhat embarrassing to people. We don't like to talk about it or even think about it, but dogs delight in the act. Part of the attraction is the attention given – walk time! But the natural act also has inherent satisfaction built in.

You've seen the mightiest Mastiff and the tiniest toy dogs exhibit the same silly behaviors at "bathroom time." They dance around; sniff grass, bushes and everything else; and rearrange the landscape of many a yard. Why do they do these things? Both male and female dogs perform elaborate choreography and scratch at the ground with their hind paws right after pooping or urinating. This is a normal ritual, but there's more to the act than show.

The answer may seem quite simple: to cover up the mess. But that explanation pertains more to cats. As dogs kick up dirt, they are leaving messages in the mess – a more surprising reason for the seemingly odd behavior. Dogs prefer to display their feces; they want others to know they've been on that spot. Look to our dogs' wild cousins for insights. Wolves and foxes kick the ground after eliminating, just like our pets. **It's a normal behavior, and a dog could be leaving a message that the area has been claimed, signaling others to move on.** Another reason a dog may do this dance is to help him recall that rabbit nests are nearby, or as a trail marker for the traveling dog.

Marking Time

Canines are very territorial. They mark their claims with scents that come from the feces, urine, and even from their paw pads. Surprisingly, the scents left from the feet outlast those from the feces and urine, which dry up relatively quickly and lose their potency. Additionally, marks left in the ground from the scraping send their own memo: the dog that did this is present, strong, and claiming this territory.

Glands in the feet secrete pheromones, a chemical that triggers social reactions from members of the same species. Communicating through these hormones may be the key to why dogs kick the grass after pooping. If you have several dogs in your neighborhood that pass your house throughout the day, your dog may be anxious to send those dogs a message. The possible communications could include claims of territory, sexual availability, food trail indicators, and warning others of present dangers. These hormones also affect many aspects of a dog's behavior and physiology.

A few seconds of kicking up grass can release a host of pheromones and tell several stories of fellow canines. Unfortunately, your lawn may pay the price for this natural behavior. If you are especially meticulous about your landscaping, consider walking your dog on leash a couple times of day and carry along a pickup bag. You could also designate an area of your yard that is intended for doggy elimination and train your dog to head to that spot for "business."

Final Thoughts

Although those few seconds of scratching after a dog defecates can seem to go on forever, indulge your dog in this harmless behavior. The natural act is instinctive and satisfies your dog's urge to conform to nature. Let him or her spend that time marking territory with the scents that will surround the feces. When your dog has stopped kicking dirt, reach for the poop scoop and carry on.

Through the editor's lens..



2011 CKC cluster, when the show was HUGE!

Puppy antics at the 2012 BCD B-match



Beautiful smiles ☺ '13 BCD specialty

2013 LENS photoshoot for Nationals! (this was not 1 of my pics...but a milestone for the BCD as we got ready to host!)



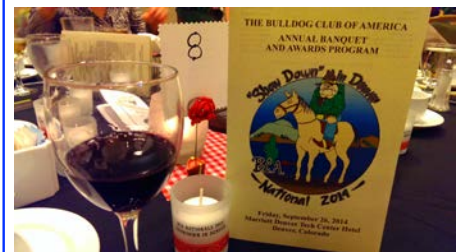
2014 BCD specialty ...a resting pose!



2014 BCD BULLWALKATHON



BCA 2014 NATIONALS HOSTED BY THE BULLDOG CLUB OF DENVER!!





2015's Bulloween - a pride of "lions!"

2015 Bullywalk...food, friends, feisty bulldog fixated on foodbites ☺



'16 BCD ice cream social @ Parfet park- that look someone's giving!! ☺

2016 BCD PICNIC - Evergreen CO



2016 BCD Christmas angels



'17 Bullywalk - you're NEVER alone!

2017 BCD specialty...you know you're hooked when your outfit matches your dog ☺





2018 CKC show – 3 pretty ladies and their handsome boys!



'18 BCD Spring Specialty – TRUE LOVE

2018 BCD ice cream social – beautiful kisses for a handsome boy!



'19...and off to new adventures!





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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.

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