



The Bully Pawpit

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Division VII

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De~tales from the Division....

The Capitol Bulldog Club hosted a weekend of 5 shows, including one by Division VII. It was a very successful weekend! The Bulldog Club of Hampton Roads and Division VII will hold shows Memorial Day weekend. With the inclusion of the All Breed shows, there will be 7 shows that weekend! Of course, Piedmont and Greenville are already making plans for October. The Chesapeake Bulldog Club of Greater Baltimore is getting prepared to hold shows this fall. Division VII is a very busy group!

What are you doing with your Bulldogs? Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Therapy, Rescue, or just plain having fun.... Share your adventures with *The Bully Pawpit!*



- Specialty Shows
- Candids
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- Health info

Farm Dog Certification..in a Bulldog newsletter? Read on...

The Farm Dog Certified test provides for a series of twelve exercises that represent situations a farm dog would encounter in a typical farm environment. The basic test requirements are designed to emphasize a dog's ability of self-control, confidence and trust necessary to succeed in any canine/human partnership. These traits and foundational training are vital to a working farm dog. The FDC program provides an opportunity for all dogs to apply their basic training in a novel environment, demonstrating their natural capability and trainability to work in partnership with their human companions. The Farm Dog Certified test is open to all dogs.

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Brags! Charlie and Peanut Earn Farm Dog Certification!



Kaigan's On Any Given Sunday, aka "Charlie"

Owned by Laurel and Frank McComas

Believed to be the first two Bulldogs to earn this distinction! Congratulations!



Kaigan's Little Miss Peanut

aka "Peanut"

Owned by Laurel and Frank McComas

New Champion!

Jaylou's Mister Bogey, bred by Laura Tate and Jerry Watson, owned by Jerry Watson, finished in Raleigh making him #25 bred by for Jerry Watson. Congratulations on this milestone!

Bogey has since gone on to win 4 grand champion points.



New Grand Champion!



GCh. Faethful Ima Sippin' White Lightning finished his Grand Championship, owner handled all the way by Ardie Ellison!

Owned by Ardie and Ken Ellison.

Breeders: Carolyn Faeth and Ruth Lebo

The Capitol Bulldog Club ~ Judge Mary Brunk



All win photos courtesy of **Terry Reamy**. Thanks!

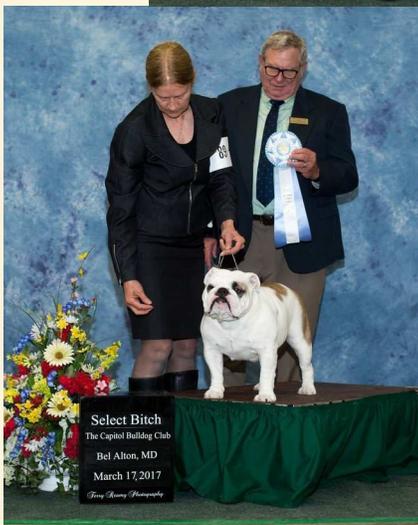
The Capitol Bulldog Club ~ Mike Brunk



Best in
Specialty Show
The Capitol Bulldog Club
Bel Alton, MD
March 17, 2017
Terry Aroney Photography



Best of Winners
The Capitol Bulldog Club
Bel Alton, MD
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Select Bitch
The Capitol Bulldog Club
Bel Alton, MD
March 17, 2017
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Winners Bitch
The Capitol Bulldog Club
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Reserve Winners
Dog
The Capitol Bulldog Club
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Bred By Exhibitor
Bitch
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Best Puppy
9-12 Months
The Capitol Bulldog Club
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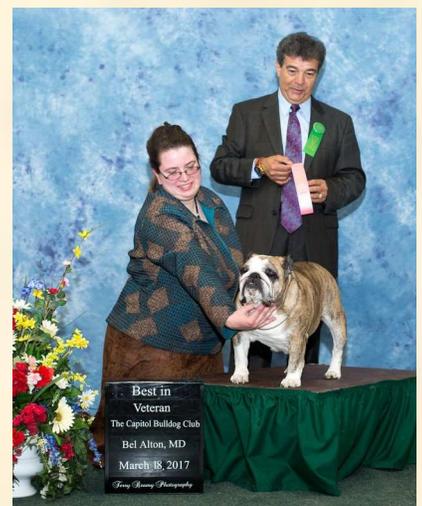


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Veteran
The Capitol Bulldog Club
Bel Alton, MD
March 17, 2017
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Capitol Bulldog Club ~ Judge Michelle Quesada



Capitol Bulldog Club ~ Judge Adrian Quesada



BCA Division VII ~ Judge Linda Fiordiliso



Bulldog Day!



The Chesapeake Bulldog Club of Greater Baltimore had a great time at the Bulldog Day on Sunday April 9th. The club was well represented & helped educate the public about our wonderful breed. Thank you to Hunt Valley Animal Hospital who sponsored the event.

Dr. Allan Frank & Dr. Tim Cujdik love the bulldog breed!

Division Minutes

The Bulldog Club of America, Inc. Division VII

Established 1890

Member of the American Kennel Club, Inc.

4th Quarterly Meeting

Saturday October 28, 2016
Charlotte, NC

Objectives of the Division

- . To improve the breed through encouragement of effort directed towards approach to, or attainment of, the degree of excellence set forth in the standard of the bulldog breed.
- . To stimulate interest in competitive public showing of bulldogs.
- . To further the interest of the breed.
- . To work for the general good of breeders, owners and exhibitors of bulldogs.
- . To follow the policy set forth in Article II of the BCA Constitution.
- . To inform and advise The BCA Council in bulldog matters of general interest
- To cooperate with adjacent Divisions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS / AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

@9:04 pm 10/28/2016 by President Teresa Jacobs

ROLL CALL

Officers: President: Teresa Jacobs, Vice President: Anthony Anders, Secretary: Corri Long

Board of Governors: Robin Stowell, Robert Rodenski, and Patti Pennington

Councilors: Robert Rodenski and William Smith

Members: Robin Stansell, Mark Stowell and Guy Mayer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes from 3rd quarter were read. Robin Stowell made a motion to accept the minutes, William Smith 2nd it, motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President: none

Vice President: none

Treasurer: none

Secretary: none

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**Show committees****Spring 2017**

Everything has been approved. Judges are as follows Mary and Mike Brunk on Friday, Michelle and Adrian Quesada on Saturday and Linda Fiordiliso on Sunday.

Newsletter

Currently in progress, should anyone have anything, please send to Robin Stowell. Please send any special wins to be added to newsletter.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD:**REPORTS OF THE COUNCILORS:**

William Smith is unable to attend Nationals. Rodenski will cover long range planning and Robin Stansell will cover the councilor meeting.



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ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Capitol Bulldog Club

Chesapeake Bulldog Club of Greater Baltimore

Piedmont NC Bulldog Club

Bulldog Club of Greenville SC

Bulldog Club of Hampton Roads

NEW BUSINESS

Bulldog Club of Greenville SC submitted application to host our 2020 Nationals. Anthony Anders made a motion to accept, Robert Rodenski 2nd it, motion carried.

Gordon Grant has moved to Greensboro, NC area.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held in Bel Alton specialty weekend time & date to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Corri Long made a motion to adjourn, Anthony Anders 2nd it, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Division VII Conference Call Minutes

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Phone Conference

Tuesday February 28, 2017

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@8:02 pm 2/28/2017 by President Teresa Jacobs

ROLL CALL

Officers: President: Teresa Jacobs, Vice President: Anthony Anders, Secretary: Corri Long

Board of Governors: Robin Stowell, Robert Rodenski, Alice Holland, Pat Butcher and Patti Pennington

Councilors: Robert Rodenski

Members:

NEW BUSINESS

This meeting was to submit judge nominations for the National Show in 2018 and to choose judges for Charlotte specialty 2017, and a new treasurer for division.

Members that are willing to be on committees are Anthony Anders for reserved crating, Teresa Jacobs for venders and Robin Stowell for show newsletter.

Division VII will be donating \$2000

Charlotte Specialty 2017 judges were discussed.

Pat Wright resigned from the treasurer position. Robin Stowell was nominated to take the position. Please bring any other names for consideration with their approval to the Bel Alton meeting to be voted on. Before the position can be transferred, Alice Holland and Robert Rodenski will audit the treasurer books, Bel Alton weekend.

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Corri Long

Secretary, Division VII, BCA



Bulldog Club of Hampton Roads Specialty Shows

AND BULLDOG SUPPORTED ENTRY SHOWS

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LANGLEY KENNEL CLUB SHOWS

* Friday, May 26, 2017:

AB Bulldog Judge: Jackie Stacey

BCA Div 7 Specialty Judge: Kay Gray

* Saturday, May 27, 2017:

AB Bulldog Judge: Roger Hartinger

BCHR Specialty Judge: Penny Lancaster

VA BEACH KENNEL CLUB SHOWS

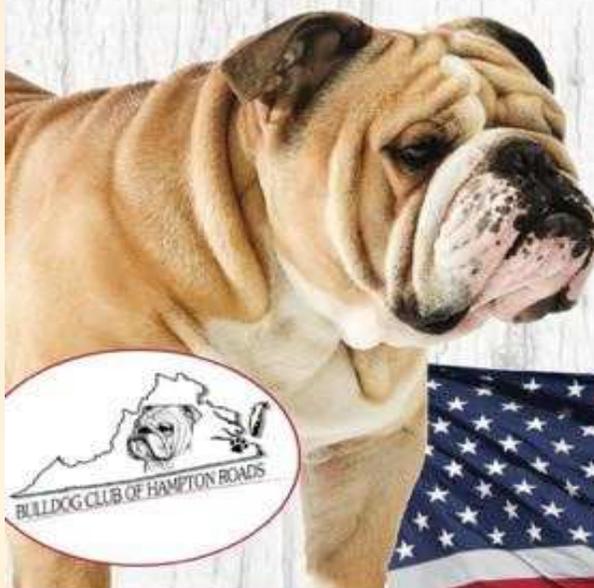
* Sunday, May 28, 2017:

AB Bulldog Judge: John Ronald

BCHR Specialty Judge: John Lancaster

* Monday, May 29, 2017:

AB Bulldog Judge: Paula Hartinger



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Something new! Our Readers' Showcase of Talent!



If you would like to see your handcrafted dog items listed here, please send to:

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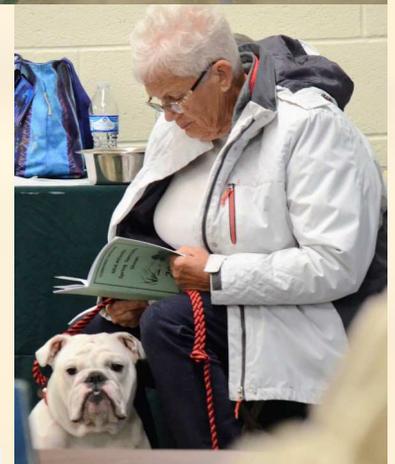
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Bloat ~ can happen to Bulldogs!

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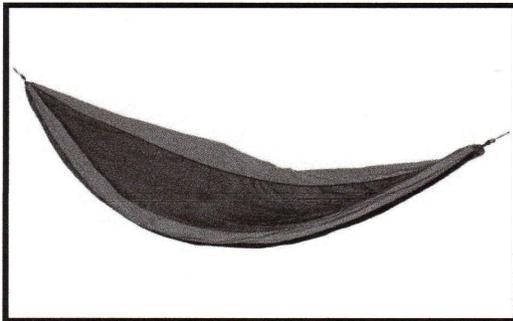
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BLOAT LEADS TO GASTRIC TORSION

First-Aid for Bloat Can Prevent A *Deadly* Emergency

Barbara J. Andrews, AKC Hall Of Fame Breeder, Publisher, [TheDogPlace](#)

Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV) commonly called bloat (SEE VIDEO BELOW), occurs when food ferments, air is trapped, and the stomach becomes distended. If the dog can burp or pass the gas rectally, he may avoid deadly gastric torsion, meaning the stomach has twisted.



A dog's stomach is suspended like a hammock so unlike humans where a build up of gas can pass up (belch) or down to be expelled, a dog has more difficulty passing gas from the stomach. Some of you are smiling, thinking your dog has no problem passing gas! But that is when his stomach is not bloated or twisted as in gastric torsion. Passing gas indicates fermentation so you will definitely want to keep reading because if your dog has gas frequently, you need to make changes before it is too late.

Strenuous exercise after eating or gulping water can set off a chain reaction leading to a fatal episode of gastric torsion. Older dogs, a change in dog food, over-eating; many such situations can precipitate an emergency bloat situation. If you are here because

you suspect your dog is bloating, *skip below to Emergency First-Aid For Bloat.*

Why Is Gastric Torsion So Deadly?

It is impossible for a dog to pass gas when the stomach twists. When gassy foods, hot weather and excessive water consumption, exertion, or anything else distends the dog's stomach (bloat) if the gas is not passed, increasing pressure will cause the stomach to twist (torsion), at which time it becomes impossible to pass the gaseous buildup. Gastric torsion sets off an inevitable sequence of events that is always fatal unless there is surgical intervention. It can happen so quickly that every owner of a large breed, a dog with excessive skin, one that is "out of condition" or elderly, or a dog that has gotten in to strange foodstuffs (farm dogs for example) or a dog that gulps a lot of water - in other words, all dog owners (!) need to know how to recognize simple bloat before it becomes gastric torsion. If the stomach rotates, it can be fatal within an hour!

Emergency First Aid For Bloat

You may want to try emergency measures before leaving for the vet because depending on traffic, distance, and the dog's condition when discovered, you may arrive too late.

I have no degrees but my strong advice is to go to the drug store TODAY and pick up one of the over-the-counter *rapid* gas reducers such as **Gas X**. It's cheap, easily available, and most of all, it works quickly. The simethicone breaks up the bubbles if given at the first sign of bloat. Administer according to directions and based on the size of the dog. If unsure, ask your vet. Surely they make an expensive veterinary prescription that will work as well as Gas X.

Then stand the dog upright and burp just as you would a baby. If you have someone to help hold him, so much the better. Depending of the dog's size, place his front feet up on the sofa, a chair, your chest, whatever is reasonably comfortable for him. Using the same force you would use on a person, "burp" him starting low on both sides of the belly, using both hands. Work your way up the rib cage. If he belches in your face, thank God and keep burping him. You may have to let him down for a minute to relieve pressure on his back legs but continue to burp the dog until he seems comfortable, no more gas is passing, and his stomach looks normal.

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If he does not belch and/or pass gas, either the tablet isn't working, you are not burping properly, or the stomach has twisted. It doesn't matter why, if his stomach is still distended and he is distressed, **rush him to the vet**. If possible, have someone call ahead or use your cell phone. This is an emergency situation and any vet should be prepared to take him straight in to surgery.

What Are Symptoms Of Bloat?

In the beginning, there develops a combination of symptoms which include obvious discomfort, restlessness, a "worried" expression, wanting to go out but after the first urination or bowel movement, it becomes obvious he has been unable to relieve or ease the pain. We chose the video below because it is excellent, live, and the dog survived.

Bloat symptoms progress to aimless pacing and/or panting which will become rapid and shallow. (watch video, link below) By the time you notice his stomach has visibly increased in size, he could be in serious trouble. He will swallow, salivate, and try to vomit but it will be futile if the stomach has already twisted. With gastric torsion, his gums will be pale, heart rate becomes rapid and he will progress into shock.

At this point, there is NO FIRST-AID, get him to the vet immediately! The only hope to save him from a gruesome death is surgical intervention.

The expression is unforgettable. Some call it a glassy-eyed look but other owners describe it as a "helpless, stricken" look, as though the dog somehow knows he is dying. It isn't the pained look a dog gets from a broken leg. I hope you never see that desperate, fatalistic expression.

What Causes Bloat?

Some foods contain saponins, a plant or marine-derived "sudsy" substance which "may aid digestion and/or nutrient absorption." Saponins should NOT be in any premium brand of dog food.

When the dog's stomach becomes distended, it puts pressure on other organs, including the diaphragm. As he becomes more uncomfortable, the dog swallows repeatedly, adding more air and saliva to the stomach. He will begin to drink more water which adds more weight and hastens the twisting of the ever-enlarging stomach. When the stomach rotates, it effectively shuts off the blood supply. The tissues begin to die and the end is near because unless surgery is done very quickly, organ damage is too great for recovery. Even with fairly prompt treatment, there is an average 35% death rate.

NOTE: dogs are more susceptible to bloat on hot days due to gulping water, see [Heatstroke](#)

Is There A Size Or Breed Predisposition For Bloat?

Bloating with gastric torsion occurs more often in large and/or loose-skinned breeds but twisted stomachs can also affect small breeds. Male dogs are more likely to bloat and there is speculation that an excessive skin-to-frame relationship can precipitate calcium and other chemical imbalances that can cause bloat.

Dogs that are fed only once a day, particularly if given foods containing corn, soy or other gas producing grains, are more likely to bloat. In the wild, wolves, coyotes, and the big cats can gorge until they appear "about to burst" with no ill effects because they eat **meat** and they sleep for hours during digestion.

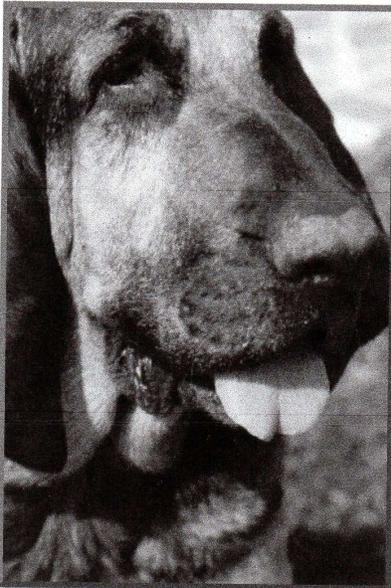
According to Purdue University Vet School, breeds such as Great Danes, Saint Bernards, Akitas, and Bloodhounds are more susceptible to gastric torsion. Age, condition, certain behavior patterns, and physical features can also increase the odds of bloat. Active breeds with a deep chest and tucked up stomach such as Weimaraners, Irish and Gordon Setters and Standard Poodles are considered at risk. Basset Hounds have minimal tuck-up but are at equal risk due to the long suspension system for the stomach and their excessive skin.

Can I Prevent Gastric Torsion?

One of the most common mistakes leading to bloat involves exercise with a full stomach. Never attempt a mating during the heat of the day. Never use a stud dog when he's just been fed. A stud dog with a belly full of food or water is not at his

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best anyway but more important, the likelihood of gastric torsion during "the mating dance" is increased for dogs.

Hard exercise before or after large amounts of food or water can cause bloat.

Dogs that have bloated and survived need special diets. Your vet will take care of that. To prevent a first occurrence, practice common sense and feed wisely, bearing in mind that no breed is immune to gastric torsion. Feed smaller meals, twice a day. There is speculation that elevated feeding bowls reduce the incidence of bloat but no proof of that theory. Dogs normally eat from ground level, often in a prone position as in ripping meat from bones, so until there is solid proof that elevating the food bowl is of value, I would advise feeding from the floor.



Chew-bones promote air swallowing. Real meat "knuckle" or shank bones do not. A hungry dog gulps or "wolfs down" his food. This is normal but if your dog seems to swallow air while ingesting dry kibble, put large washable pebbles or decorative rocks in his food bowl. Anything to slow him down. The presence of another dog may also cause

him to eat too fast. Monitor excessive water consumption, exercise tolerance, etc.

We hope you never need this information. If you suspect your dog may be at risk, talk to your Vet *before* there is an emergency. A change in diet, feeding schedule and habits can help prevent bloat.

09011512162 <http://www.thedogplace.org/HEALTH/bloat-gastric-torsion.asp>

Article courtesy of [TheDogPlace.org](http://www.thedogplace.org)

As always, this information is not to be used in place of your veterinarian's advice.

One of my Bulldogs bloated recently. It terrified me to see her so swollen and having difficulty breathing. I was not prepared and didn't really know what to do. As luck would have it, it was closing time at my vet's and they said get her to the ER. That was a nerve-wrecking 20 mile trip and I did not know if she would survive. The ER staff worked quickly and was able to release some of the gas before they prepped her for surgery. Luckily, this story has a happy ending as she survived the surgery and is doing well.

Robin Stowell.

Candids



Division VII ~ Well Represented at the Bullosum Cluster



More Brags!



What an exciting weekend. Miss B is off to great start in her show career. Ultimate Fortitude Fancy Don't Let Me Down (Breeders: George Lai, Kim Russo, Angela Wesbey, Jason Wesbey) took Winners Bitch / Best of Winners at the Bullosum Cluster. Thank you, thank you Judge Deborah J Mueller-Murmylo for recognizing our sweet B.

Dana Crelia



Lovely Veterans!



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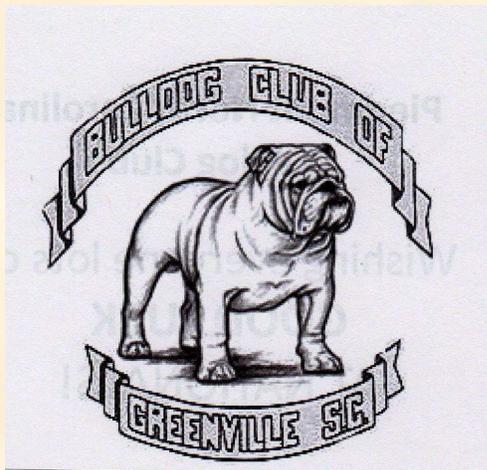


The Piedmont NC Bulldog Club has a new Facebook page for members! The go to place for your club information!

Now, all five Division VII clubs have Facebook pages!



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The End!

That's a Wrap....

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We can make this newsletter much better by sharing information.!

Thanks!



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