

Phoenix Bulldog Club

A bit of news for November, 2014

The **next meeting** for the Phoenix Bulldog Club will be **Wednesday, November 19th** at Bass Pro Shop upstairs in the meeting room starting at 7:00PM. We'll vote on the 2015 slate of officers and finalize details of the Ho Ho Ho Match. Our December meeting will be folded into the Ho Ho Ho Match on Saturday, December 6th. There is no Christmas Party scheduled this year, but we will have our "New Year's white Bulldog" gift exchange at the January meeting.

This year's PBC AKC sponsored B match will be Saturday, December 6th at Los Olivos Park in Phoenix. The event is from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. To get to Los Olivos Park from Hwy 51 take the Indian School Road exit and head east about 10 blocks to 28th Street. Turn north at the 28th Street signal, go a short distance and turn right on E. Devonshire. Parking will be on your left. It's a big park with lots of olive trees. It's the same park we held the match at last year. We'll be having a finger food pot luck so please bring something to add to the table. Cheese, salami, veggies, sliced fruit, or holiday cookies are some ideas. If you could also bring a bag of ice that will help a lot. Even in December Bulldogs need their ice. Entries for the B match will begin at noon and the match will start at 1:00PM. Our costume parade will follow. It's a good opportunity for new costumes. Perhaps your dog could dress as a reindeer or be decorated with ornaments or be an elf. We plan to have Santa fly by for a visit and take pictures with your Bullie. Hopefully his suit is slobber resistant. Entry fee for the B match is \$5.00 and for the costume parade it's \$1.00. You can take as many pictures as you want of your dog (and you) with Santa for a \$5.00 donation.

The slate of officers for 2015 have been nominated and they are:

President..... Dr. Jack Brown
Vice President Mary Lou Allred
Treasurer..... Kim Zavesky
Corresponding
Secretary.....Debi Lewis
Recording
Secretary.....Deborah Lockett
Governing Board.....Jerry Adler, Connie Booker, Kathy Rea, Sharon Treat

The election will be at the next meeting, Wednesday, November 19th.

Invoices for your annual dues have been mailed. Membership dues are \$20.00. Bring your dues to the meeting or please mail them to Kim Zavesky.

The PBC specialty show is coming up fast. It will be on Thursday, February 26th at the Windemere Resort in Mesa – same place we had it last year. The Club will be holding a wine raffle again this year and requests a 2 bottle wine donation from each member. So while you're out shopping for the holidays, look for an interesting wine to add to the collection.

One of my dogs had a 2 hour vet visit this week which gave me time to read all their back issues of

Dog Fancy magazine. I found this article interesting. With the holidays on the horizon and this being a great time for company to visit in sunny Arizona, cleaning is one of the jobs to be done. Household cleaning products leave residues and scents on floors, carpets, and bedding which can be absorbed, inhaled or ingested by your dog. Here are some safe alternatives:

- Commercial pet products – Use cleaning products designed for pet households because they have the correct enzymes and bacteria digesters to break down urine and organic solids. Rinse surfaces with water after use. Keep dogs out of the area until the surface is dry.
- Natural pet products – Look for plant-based cleaning products with biodegradable ingredients such as aloe vera, orange peel, coconut oil, or rosemary.
- White and apple cider vinegar – White vinegar is an acidic cleaner that wipes out dirt, disinfects, and inhibits the growth of mold and mildew. Apple cider vinegar has anti-fungal, anti-viral, and anti-bacterial properties. Try mixing one part vinegar to four parts water to wash floors. (Do not use on marble or wood.) You can squeeze lemon into the mixture to give it a fresh scent.
- Baking soda - In dry form it absorbs odors. In wet form it's a mild abrasive. Baking soda is antiseptic, removes stains and grease, and softens water. Try sprinkling it on carpets where your dog likes to lay down, let the baking soda sit for a few hours and then vacuum to deodorize.
- Lemon juice – The acid in lemon juice is anti-bacterial and antiseptic. It also cuts grease and deodorizes. Try adding ½ cup of lemon juice to the laundry rinse cycle to brighten light-colored dog towels. Never use it on marble, travertine or limestone counters or floors because of its acidity.
- Salt – Salt is a good scouring agent. Mix equal parts salt and water to make a thick paste to scrub dog bowls.

This information comes from “Safe Cleaning” by Kathleen M. Mangan from the June 2014 edition of Dog Fancy.

It's pumpkin season once again and my dogs gave a paws up to these treats.

Pumpkin Doggie Treats

Ingredients:

3 cups whole wheat flour
¾ cup beef stock (low sodium)
1 egg
3 T. pumpkin puree

Directions:

Mix all ingredients until well combined.
Roll out onto flat surface until batter is ½ inch thick.
Cut into shape and size desired.
Bake at 350 degrees until lightly brown and crisp (about 10-15 minutes).

Recipe by Chef Roger Waysok of South Water Kitchen, Chicago in Bark Magazine, Fall, 2014.

