

Phoenix Bulldog Club News for May, 2019

The palo verde, ocotillo, and saguaro are blooming – May is a beautiful month here in the desert Southwest.



The next meeting of the Phoenix Bulldog Club will be on Wednesday, May 15th starting at 7:00PM in the upstairs meeting room at Bass Pro Shop. This will be our last meeting before our summer hiatus. There will be no monthly meetings in June, July, and August. Hopefully you and your dogs will be able to leave for cooler regions sometime during the summer onslaught of heat.

Our May meeting will be especially important because we will be discussing plans for our specialty show, what work needs to be done, and other club business before the long break. So please attend if you can.

After the summer recess, the next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 18th starting at 7:00PM at Bass Pro Shop.

Our last meeting was on April 17th. We couldn't meet at Bass Pro Shop and Jen Houtler was kind enough to make arrangements for our meeting to be held at Lucille's Bar-B-Que. Over a meal of brisket sandwiches and other good items we discussed the future of our specialty show. Connie Booker has retired as show chair and a decision needed to be made on how we would continue without her leadership. Another issue was the overlap of the BCA Nationals being held in San Ramon, California, from Sunday November 24 through the 30th. For the past 2 years, PBC has held our specialty shows in conjunction with the Fiesta Dog Cluster at Rawhide Event Center over Thanksgiving weekend. This year, the Fiesta Dog Cluster is being held the weekend before

Thanksgiving, from November 22 through the 25th. There is concern that Bulldog exhibitors would not want to travel to Arizona for a show on their way to the Bay area in California for Nationals. At our meeting in April, the attendees agreed to move our specialty show date. We are now investigating holding our specialty in February. This is one of the important items we will be discussing at the May meeting, so please attend if you can. At the April meeting Yvonne Cockrill volunteered to be show chair if the PBC specialty show can be held in February.

On March 23rd, PBC participated in the 2nd Annual Bulldog Fashion Show at Turf Paradise. A giant thank you to Jen Houtler for organizing the entire event and managing all the entrees. The club raised \$110 and donated the money to Bulldog Rescue of Arizona. If you have pictures of your Bullie in costume and would like to share them, send them to me for the next newsletter. Are you listening Gibson?

Now that days are heating up here in the Valley of the Sun, it is vital to remember all the precautions you need to take to protect your Bulldog from the sun and the heat this summer.



A few reminders:

- *Never, ever leave your dog in a parked car or tethered outside.
- *Always have clean water available for your dog. For a spicy treat, add ice cubes.
- *If the pavement or cement is too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for your dog.
- *Exercise your Bulldog in the coolest part of the day. In August when it is humid and the low's are still in the 90's, there is no cool part of the day. So exercise your dog indoors.
- *Fans will not cool down a hot dog. If your dog is hot, wipe it down with a wet towel and then the fan can evaporate the moisture and that will cool your dog down.



While Bulldogs should not be out in the sun on a hot summer desert day, you might travel with your dog to places where dogs can be outside. If your dog is out in the sun, be aware of the danger of sunburn. “Dogs with thin coats and white coats are particularly prone, but any dog can get too much sun. Areas most likely to burn: noses, ears, and groin/abdominal areas. To prevent sunburn, use sunscreen on your dog's bare spots. However, remember that dogs may lick off sunscreen, so use a dog-approved variety, or one approved for use on human infants, and follow the safety instructions. (Note: PABA and zinc oxide are toxic to dogs, so don't use a sunscreen with those ingredients. If you aren't sure about a particular sunscreen being safe for your dog, call you veterinarian.)

If your dog does get a sunburn, give him a soak in cool bathwater mixed with a soothing oatmeal bath product or a few shakes of baking soda, then gently apply aloe vera to the burned area, just as you would do for yourself. If the burn is severe with blisters or broken skin, call your veterinarian. She may instruct you to apply an antibiotic ointment.”

from “Grooming Tips for the Dog Days” by Eve Adamson, *Family Dog*, May/June 2013, p. 24.

Did you know?

The last time I was at my vet's, a warning was posted about the danger of chip bags to dogs. A woman had recently lost her dog due to suffocation in a chip bag. Here's the reason why:

HELP PREVENT PET SUFFOCATION!

Chip bags and other food packaging pose serious suffocation risks to our pets. Too many pets, especially dogs, have died from suffocating in chip bags, cereal boxes, snack bags, pet treat bag liners, and pet food bags. A lot of these bags are made from a strong mylar-like material (like a balloon) which helps keep snacks fresher. When a curious dog puts his head into the bag looking for leftover crumbs, the bag creates a vacuum-like seal around the dog's neck. As he tries to breathe, the bag tightens around his neck, cutting off the oxygen. When a dog cannot remove the bag from his head, he will usually start to panic, desperately running around until he collapses and dies from asphyxiation. This happens within minutes.

We can reduce the number of accidental pet deaths by educating the public on the dangers of these types of bags. Most people do not know that these mylar bags are a suffocation hazard to their animals, and they often do not find out until it happens to their pet. Many a pet owner has arrived home or walked into another room of the house and found their dog lying motionless with a chip bag or other type of bag on his head. The more people are aware of this risk, the more pet owners can do to ensure their pet is safe. Awareness is our best defense against pet suffocation!

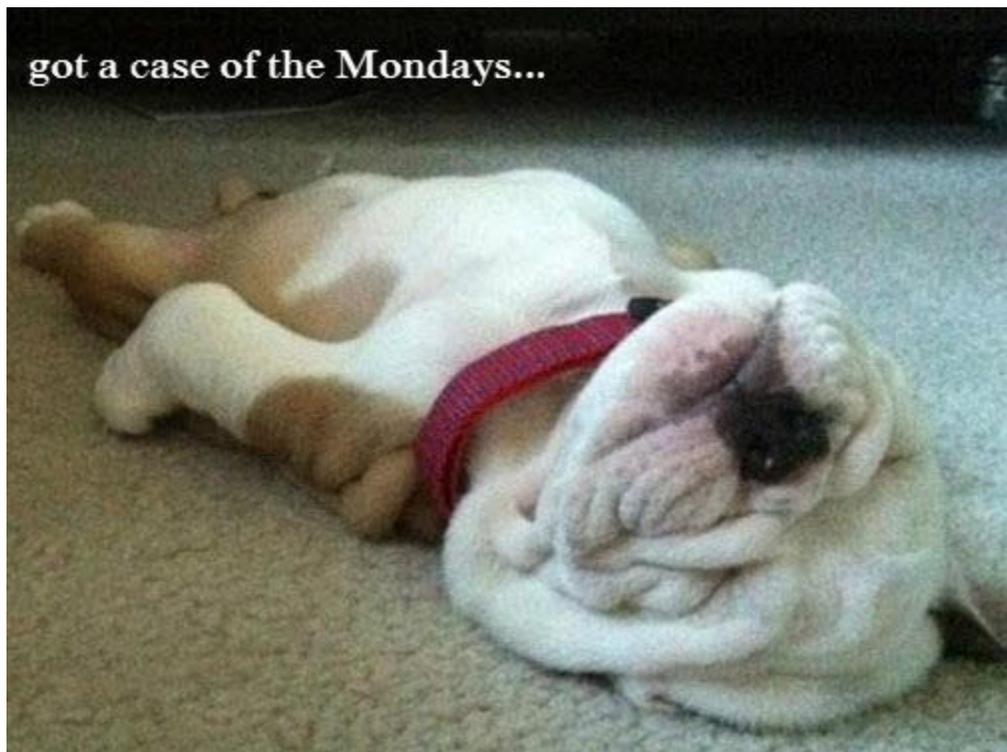
For more information on this topic visit www.preventpetsuffocation.com



Summer is not high season for dog shows in Arizona. Onofrio has shows sprinkled through New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. Check out the Onofrio Dog Shows site for details. Flagstaff Kennel Club is holding its shows on July 20 & 21 in Williams – the shows close on July 3 at 12:00PM. (That's my Yankee's 12th birthday.) Good luck to those of you showing in the cool pines! Prescott will be the next Arizona show – hosted by Prescott Arizona Kennel Club and Kachina Kennel Club from Friday, Sept. 20 through Monday, Sept. 23. It closes on Sept. 4.

If you want to show your dog in California, those shows all tend to be Bradshaw shows. There's a show almost every weekend in California from now through the summer. The most fun sounds like the Channel City Kennel Club and Santa Maria Kennel Club shows in Camarillo, California. These shows close on June 19 and will be held Friday, July 5 through the 7th. For information go to the Bradshaw Dog Shows site.

That's all for now. If you have information or pictures you would like included in the next newsletter please send it to me at dlockett@earthlink.net



Thank you, Sharon Setzer, for the picture!