



May 10, 2008 Annual Meeting and Bully Walk

We met at Addenbrook Park on a clear sunny, but windy morning. It was great to see various vehicles enter the lot with bullies peering out the windows at other bullies. We had a grand mix of show dogs, rescues, and bullies who found us through the Web site. All in all, there were 19 bullies and 28 humans. We managed to have our walk through the park as the wind was kicking up. Our annual balloon release was next. Each year, all there are invited to write on the balloons the names of bullies and humans who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. After a moment of remembrance, we release them to the skies.

We tried to have a raffle and snacks, but the wind kept getting stronger, so all but the club members adjourned for the day.

The members met in the Ladies Room, one of the only warm places in the park. After discussing club business, we had our elections. Ann Crowell, who with her husband, Pete (R.I.P.) has taken responsibility for the Treasury of the club for years, has decided to see what it's like to "just" be a member. Since there were no other nominees for office, Eileen Niehouse continues as President, Barb Deevers as Vice President, Sandy Belstock as Corresponding Secretary, and Trudy Avery becomes Treasurer.

September 5, 6, 7, 2008 Greeley Dog Show.

Friday, David Alexander judged through the auspices of the Rocky Mountain All-Terrier Club. It was great to see old friends and new, and we had 21 entries. Saturday, the judge was Dale Schuur. At lunch time, we were treated to a great lunch courtesy of Trudy's mom and sisters. There were some great donations to our raffle and silent auction which caused the bids to fly. Thanks to all who donated. We also unveiled merchandise with designs from Trudy's fabulous artwork, including tiles, mouse pads, and backpacks. Sunday, our judge was Ray Sharp, whose visit was too short but sweet. All the judges commented on the beautiful weather, the great venue, and the chance to see bullies that were new to them.

October 10 – 13, 2008 SILVERWOOD!

Barb Deevers, Sandy Belstock, and Eileen Niehouse made the trek to Orlando for the Really Big Bull Terrier Weekend. None of us took dogs (way too long a drive), but Barb was able to show one of Bindi's babies who lives in the Sunshine State. The Silverwood experience is always memorable. Bullies all over the hotel, vendors who have made or

found the greatest in Bully merchandise, and the chance to visit with old friends and make new ones. Barb Deevers presented the Rescue forum to a very interested group. All over the country, rescue numbers have risen, and ideas were exchanged, problems, brainstormed, and workable solutions discussed. At the banquet, club members Barb Deevers and Dean Snepenger were awarded Certificates from the BTCA for their outstanding work in rescue this year. We couldn't be prouder.

October 25, 2008 Halloween

We combined our socialization class and costume party this year. Once again, attendance was high. After settling the bullies and getting to know new attendees, we watched "Frankenweenie" while people and dogs donned their costumes. Thanks to Barb for bringing extra costumes for our rescues to wear. Some of the hits - Thor Kline as a racehorse complete with saddle, headpiece and Gonzo holding on for dear life - Jedi and Dave Schmidt as Denver Broncos.

December Christmas Party!

Dave and Jody Schmidt hosted the party at their home. We decided to go with snacky foods and desserts this year. Had a 10-foot bar filled with goodies! Dave made up small wine bottles with pictures of our bullies on them as favors. Various comments of "That looks just like my bully" were heard before we realized that he had custom-made the labels.

Barb brought a masterpiece of a cake for dessert, festooned with bullies playing in the snow - ice climbers, a choir, bullies throwing snowballs, and making snow angels, a wonder to behold!

When we were full and drowsy, we adjourned to the living room and held our gift exchange. Once again, we were pleased and surprised at the talents of some of our members (not your humble scribe, for sure) who created one-of-a-kind bully items. No serious fights broke out, and all were happy with the goody bags provided by the Schmidts. At our club meeting. New members Deb Kline and Stacey Klene were voted in, we discussed rescue, judges for 2010, and ways to keep the coffers filled. Then on the road home with our goodies, looking forward to a New Year.

February 6 - 9 Plum Creek/CKC dog shows

This is the very biggest dog show in Colorado each year. Excitement is usually pretty high since it is the weekend after Westminster. Trudy Avery and Diane Davis got to show off their new puppies, and we got to see the further adventures of other local bullies since the Greeley show. As usual, the shopping was marvelous - everything from dog tags to treats to collars to artwork and jewelry.

Our meeting was Saturday at the Grill, and it was so refreshing to see our "new blood" bringing their research and ideas, and energy.