



BARC Park at Hannah More December 2008



Recommended books for dog people

Rescuing Sprite: A Dog Lover's Story of Joy and Anguish by Mark Levin

A stunningly intimate look at the love between a family and a dog, which movingly shows that "in the end, we humans are the lucky ones."

Available from Amazon



Brian's Corner

Sleeping with your Dog

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the center groove
My human being can hardly move!
I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight
And here is where I pass the night
No one disturbs me or dares intrude
Till morning comes and "I want food!"
I sneak up slowly to begin my nibbles on my human's chin.
She wakes up quickly,
I have sharp teeth-

I'm a puppy, don't you see?
For the morning's here
and it's time to play
I always seem to get my way.
So thank you Lord for giving me
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs and holds me
tight
And shares her bed with me at
night!

Anonymous



Committee News

The committee would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for being a part of our dog park family. Don't forget to send in your renewals for 2009. These must be returned by mail by the end of January 2009 in order to be given the new code, which will be sent to returning members on February 1, 2009. If you are a returning member, please write your membership ID number on the new application. If you want to download the application, go to www.reisterstownrec.com/dog.htm and print the application from there.

Breed Profile



American Bulldog

The **American Bulldog** is a breed of domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*). Though larger in size, they are the closest surviving relative of the **Old English Bulldog** because they were not altered to as great an extent while in **Colonial America** as their European cousins. There are generally considered to be two types of American Bulldog, the **Johnson** type and the **Scott** type, named after the breeders who were influential in developing them, John D. Johnson and Allen Scott. These are more commonly known as Classic or Bully type and Standard or Performance type.

The American Bulldog is a stocky and well built, strong-looking dog. Its **coat** is short and either white, white with patches, black and white brindle, fawn and white, fawn and white brindle or a combination of all of these and some of them may even have what is called a blue patch. The color conformation is quite varied, but white must be somewhere in the coat for the dog to be confirmed in most ABD clubs

An American Bulldog is typically a happy, friendly, and assertive dog that is at ease with its family and fine with outsiders with whom the dog is acquainted. They are quite fond of children too. They bond strongly with their master and family but, because of strong guarding instincts and a somewhat dominant attitude, they should be **socialized**

and [obedience trained](#) early to expose them to other dogs and people and to ensure that they can be controlled around company as they mature.

They are working dogs with high energy drives, and so American Bulldogs do best in a home with a large backyard and plenty of exercise. They are not always well behaved towards cats and smaller pets, but correct socialization at an early age can greatly increase the chances of them accepting these animals.

Source: *Wikipedia*



A DOG'S BEST FRIEND

O Lord, don't let me once forget
How I love my trusty pet-
Help me learn to disregard
canine craters in my yard
Show me how to be a buddy
even when my sofa's muddy,
Don't allow my pooch to munch
the postal carrier for lunch,
Shield my neighbor's cat from view,
guide my steps around the doo,
Train me not to curse and scowl,
when it's puppy's night to howl,
Grant I shan't awake in fear
with a cold nose in my ear,
Give me patience without end-
Help me be; A DOG'S BEST FRIEND.

Author Unknown

If anyone has any articles, poems or dog park photos they would like to see published in the newsletter, please send them to Marilyn at Chesdel@aol.com



karma dogs

Upcoming Programs in the New Year

The Dogs are returning to the Towson and Rosedale Libraries for HEARTS starting on January 19th.

Hernwood Elementary Dog Safety School continues through February.

Dog Safety and Storytime launches at Port Discovery in January (select Wednesdays).

The Children's Guild resumes on January 8th.

Animal Assisted Therapy Program for Children with Autism begins in January.

For information: www.karmadogs.org



Photos From the Park



