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President's Report

Welcome to our 1st Newsletter for 2025.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas, New Years and Australia Day breaks.

Not much has been happening since the last Newsletter, well besides everything which happens behind the scenes.

I haven't held a February statue Auction, as I'm waiting till after our Bully Walk this Weekend. The walk is being held at Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimmons Lane, Templestowe starting at 11am at the Ridge Picnic area. Even if you don't have a Bullie or Mini but are a fan of the breed then your more than welcome to attend. There's a free sausage sizzle, drinks for sale, I've restocked the Promotional table, there will be a Statue auction and a Raffle.

Once the walk is done and dusted I'll hold the online Statue auction. Once the auction is completed, I'm going to hold an online Promotional items sale. The Auction and sales are held on the Clubs Facebook page, if not already following the page, then jump on, check it out, join and participate in these fundraising events.

The scammers have been at it again. I've had 3 people contact me regarding being ripped off by FAKE PUPPY SALES/ADOPTIONS. Please do your research, if in doubt about the legitimacy of a "Breeder", please contact your State Controlling body and/or the Club, we'll try and help you out.

That's it for me. My report is short and sweet which you're all probably happy about.

Cheers Jen

BTCV President



Secretary Report

Hi Members,

In this newsletter we have critiques from Stephen Wheatley from our November show and there hasn't been a lot happening since then so I haven't much to say.

We have a SGM coming up on 25th February, the agenda has been emailed to members and I will follow that with other required documents before the meeting.

Cheers Deb

Secretary BTCV



The SANDS HOTEL - DISCOUNTED STAY FOR DOGS VICTORIA BOOKINGS

The Sands Hotel is generously offering a discount to all Dogs Victoria members and Dogs Victoria related bookings at their Carrum Downs location.

When booking direct via phone or website, Dogs Victoria members will receive a 10% discount using the promo code **DOGSVIC24** at checkout. Please follow the link below or call us on (03)

9788 9900 to secure you're booking today!

<https://nightcaphotels.com.au/hotels/vic/sands-hotel-by-nightcap-plus>

Bull Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.

BULLY WALK

WESTERFOLDS PARK

Ridge Picnic Area

Fitzsimmons Lane

Templestowe

16 February 2025
11.00am

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

(drinks for sale)

**Club promo items for
sale, plus club will be**

**holding a raffle &
auction.**

Please contact the BTCV Secretary
by the 8 February with numbers -
via Facebook post or
bullterrierclubvictoria@gmail.com



Dogs must be on a leash &
under control at all times.
Please bring a camp chair.

THE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF VICTORIA

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2024

I was absolutely delighted to be invited back again to judge at this wonderful prestigious show. A massive thank you to the committee for holding a very well run show and also to the exhibitors for entering under me and giving me the opportunity to go over some first class examples of the breed.

Class 1. Baby Puppy Dog.

1st ZEEJAY THE LONE RANGER

5 ½ month Well up on the leg white boy with brindle ears markings, good bone for age overall a good make and shape just needs to fill into that frame when he does he is going to be a big lad, good length to his head just needs to fill up with age, promising youngster.

Class 2. Minor Puppy Dog.

1st STURGIS IM WATCHING

Tall upstanding boy in good condition, good length to his head with depth and fill, mouth off, good bone and feet, would like to see a better lay back of shoulder, nice frame for a youngster which should only improve with age, still very loose everywhere which is no surprise for a big young man.

Class 3. Puppy Dog.

1st BRAXSTAR MOONSHINE GANGSTA

Powerhouse of a boy for a youngster, super headed with length, fill and turn without exaggeration, super expression, great bone and substance and well balanced throughout stands four square, good length of neck into well placed shoulders and leading to a super powerful back and rear quarters, moved with ease covering the ground with purpose. Awarded Best Dog with some to spare, unfortunately his mouth fault cost him the top honour today, this boy screams Stud dog to me.

Class 4. Junior Dog.

1st YANDOMIR HEZ ALL THAT

Another big substantial boy well up on the leg, good length to his head just lacking a little in profile, mouth off, good round bone with strong pasterns and tight feet, strong throughout the body, a stronger second thigh would have completed the rear quarters, the lack of which showed when he moved, showed and handled very well.

Class 10. Australian Bred Dog.

1st BRAXSTAR STREET OUTLAW

Huge powerful heavyweight oozing bone and substance, powerful head filled right through with good length and depth unfortunately mouth off, super expression with good ear placement, in my opinion carrying a little too much weight today which took away from his great make and shape, powerful body with good depth of rib and strong rear quarters, another that screams Stud dog.

2nd CH KAHA HIGH ROLLER

4 yr old cobby type to class winner with good bone and substance, strong headed boy with good expression, good mouth, nice round bone with tidy feet, nice body lines with strong rear quarters, just not enjoying himself today, on another day could be a completely different picture.

Class 11. Open Dog.

1st ABS

Class 1a. Baby Puppy Bitch.

1st ZEEJAY IVORY

Tall upstanding girl well up on the leg, with lovely flowing body lines for her age, good length to her head with a sweeping profile, straight in front with good bone and tight feet, plenty to like about her at present.

Class 2a. Minor Puppy Bitch.

1st STURGIS ROYAL REBELLION

Tall Brindle girl with good length to her head, just needs a bit more depth to it, good round bone with nice feet, a little short in upper arm, body needs to mature which will come with age, good strong rear quarters, movement should improve with maturity, handler got the best out of her today.

Class 3a. Puppy Bitch.

1st ZEEJAY EBONY

Black brindle girl overall well balanced, nice length and width to her head with a good expression, good length of neck, good lay back of shoulder but a little short in upper arm, good round bone, would have liked a shorter back, good strong rear quarters when she doesn't stretch out, showed well for her handler.

Class 4a. Junior Bitch.

1st BULLPATCHY LOVE SONG

White girl, overall well balanced with good angulation to her front and rear, strong head without exaggeration with a good mouth, nice bone with good feet, stood four square, showed well for her more than capable handler moved true coming and going.

Class 5a Intermediate Bitch.

1st POTENS NEEDLE

White girl with ear marking, making her handler work today, won the class on her overall balance, correct length to her head and a good mouth, lovely straight front with good angulation and tight feet, short coupled body with flowing lines and good rear quarters, moved well when she settled.

2nd CLOWNDOG SHIELDMAIDEN

Taller rangy white girl well up on the leg, longer cast than class winner, good length to her head and filled throughout with correct bite, straight pasterns and good feet, pleasing body lines with adequate rear quarters, showed well.

3rd HAUTARE SEEK AND DESTROY

Well made girl with lovely lines to her body with correct angulation to her front and rear quarters lost out today as she was carrying too much weight which detracted from her lovely make and shape.

Class 10a. Australian Bred Bitch.

1st BULLPATCHY RHYTHM N BLUES

Lovely Black / brindle girl never stopped showing from entering the ring, super make and shape, simply correct everywhere cannot stand wrong, good strong head with the correct length, depth and fill throughout with a good mouth, lovely topline which she holds on the move doing so parallel and covering the ground well. Lovely round bone and tight feet, a credit to her owner/ breeder. A pleasure to award her Best In Show.

Class 11a. Open Bitch.

1st YANDOMIR KAUZIN HARMONY

White with slight head markings, tall elegant girl with good bone, well balanced when she stands up, good forechest and shoulders, good length to her skull with turn and depth just lacking a little in fill, strong ribbed body with good strong rear quarters, moved parallel just lacking a little in drive. Handled very well.

2nd CH STARDOM MERLOT TIPPED DIAMOND

White with Red ears, good strong head but lacking in balance as she is carrying too much weight today, straight front with good feet and super bone, short coupled with good rear angulation enjoyed her day with her capable handler.

Stephen Wheatley
Bulterzar Bull Terriers.

THE DANGERS OF TEA TREE OIL FOR PETS

Tea tree oil is extracted from the leaves of the *Melaleuca alternifolia* plant native to Australia, and has a long history of medical use by its indigenous people. Currently, it is often used topically in people for its antiviral, antiseptic, antifungal and antibacterial properties, but has been used for a variety of conditions including gum disease, and skin conditions such as acne and dandruff.

Although recent scientific studies have found that tea tree oil may be extremely beneficial for treating a variety of conditions in people it is NEVER appropriate to use on your pet. Even though tea tree oil is very toxic to cats and dogs it can still be found in a variety of pet products. Claims that it repels fleas and ticks, cures allergies and soothes skin are very common. As little as 7 drops of 100% tea tree oil have been known to cause severe toxicity, and 10-20ml can easily cause death. Many products contain very small amounts of tea tree oil, but it is important to remember that each pet is an individual and some may be affected by even a small amount of the toxin. Although the potential benefits of using tea tree oil are touted by many, there are a variety of veterinary approved products that are equally effective and much safer.

Tea tree oil can cause toxicity by being absorbed through the skin or ingested. Symptoms of toxicity include elevations in liver enzymes, weakness, low body temperature, incoordination, inability to walk, hind leg paralysis, tremors, coma and death. These symptoms often appear 2-8 hours after exposure. If you suspect tea tree oil toxicity in your pet please contact your veterinarian immediately. Although there is no cure for tea tree oil toxicity, supportive care is very important. Bathing to remove all traces of tea tree oil, administration of activated charcoal in the case of ingestion (in order to bind the toxin), IV catheterization and fluid administration, and heat therapy are all very important in helping your pet overcome this toxicity.

Please remember that just because something is “natural” does not mean that it is non-toxic. Many compounds found in nature can be very toxic to both animals and people. Similarly, many compounds that have extremely beneficial properties in people can be very harmful to your pet. Please contact your veterinarian prior to giving your dog or cat any supplement/medication.



Hydrangeas - Pet Toxin

All parts of a hydrangea plant are toxic to dogs.

Do not leave your dog alone in an area where hydrangeas are located.

If your pup is showing signs of mild or severe toxicity, take them to an emergency vet clinic immediately.

which is a cyanogenic glycoside Cyanogenic glycosides are toxic compounds also found in almonds, apple, and pear seeds, and pits from cherries, peaches, apricots, and plums.

Although they rarely cause severe toxicity in dogs, cyanogenic glycosides commonly cause mild stomach upset and signs such as lethargy, vomiting, and diarrhea.

The highest concentration of amygdalin is found in a hydrangea's leaves and flowers, and a large ingestion of hydrangeas can cause cyanide poisoning.

When a dog chews the hydrangea plant and ingests amygdalin, the chemical is metabolized in the dog's body to produce cyanide.

Cyanide causes toxicity in dogs by reducing the body's ability to use oxygen. The exact amount of hydrangea needed to cause toxicity is not currently known. Because of this, **contact your veterinarian if you believe your dog has ingested any amount of this flowering plant.**



About Daisy

I was surprised and honoured to be asked to write something about 'Daisy' for the *Review*. I do, however, feel a bit of an imposter as I am not a 'Bull Terrier person' of long standing. But perhaps my story will remind some 'old hands' of the impact a first Bull Terrier can make on an unsuspecting owner

Eight years ago I had set up a studio in the East End of London and was living peacefully with my dog, Job, a beautiful collie-retriever cross. My new boyfriend however, had an obsession, it was Bull Terriers: he simply could not live without one. I had never ever considered 'one of those ugly things' as a remotely possible choice of pet. But I finally gave in to relentless nagging and agreed that Job could have a new friend - and almost immediately, as if by magic, the new friend arrived in the form of a 14 month old black brindle Bull Terrier, Daisy.

Daisy and Job could not have been more different: where Job was doe-eyed, I could hardly see Daisy's little eyes: where Job was eager to please, Daisy pleased herself: where Job moved with grace, Daisy stomped around the house knocking things over ... she also made rude noises. Daisy loved cuddles, swimming, hair dryers, carrying huge branches and logs, lying on cushions, eating the post - and everything that belonged to Job. Job loved it when Daisy had to go to the vet. Daisy adored Job and considered him to be hers: she had a habit of sitting on him to prove it. Job, at best, tolerated her. Neighbours called them the odd couple.

It was clear from the start that Daisy was totally self-accepting. It had most certainly never crossed her mind that she was anything but gorgeous. I, on the other hand, not having studied Bull Terriers, had never seen anything quite like her. For an artist, she was a real challenge. Where did her nose end and her head begin? How could I draw a front view of an animal with no face planes? But she did have the most wonderful feet and wrinkles, and when she was happy she turned pink, she even looked, dare I say it ... cute. Despite myself, she was definitely growing on me.



Daisy sitting on my lap
dressed in 'tee shirt'.

My boyfriend said that Bull Terriers were the cuddliest dogs in the world and he was right. Daisy loved sitting trance-like on a comfortable lap - she looked like a strange ugly baby and felt like one too. I began to notice that she also acted like one. This was particularly obvious when my neighbour's fifteen month old baby, Selda, visited. I would watch the two of them taking part in gentle rivalry. If Selda got up from a cushion, Daisy would sit on it and then Selda would try to push Daisy off. If I held one, the other wanted to be held. And each wanted the other's toys ... and food. I have often observed this behaviour, and have a theory that very young children and animals, particularly dogs, relate as if they were the same species.

But with Daisy, the inherent comedy of this situation was emphasised due to her already, shall we say, self-centred attitude to life and her un-doggy body language - sitting with crossed legs, for example, or lying on her back in glorious abandon. And just

like a strong-willed toddler, Daisy knew what she wanted and went for it! As a modern woman, I couldn't help but have some admiration for her fortitude.

I began to ask other Bull Terrier owners about their dogs. One friend told me that not only did her Bull Terrier sleep in the baby buggy, but one morning she came downstairs to find it sitting in the high chair with its little stubby legs sticking out of the holes ... and thus the idea for *'Daisy Thinks She Is A Baby'* was born.

I have illustrated many children's books during my career but *'Daisy'* was my first solo venture. *'Daisy'* is, of course, based on Daisy herself but also on what I have learned of the breed in general. I decided to keep the pictures simply so that Daisy's expression and character would be the main focal point. The pictures proved to be an incredible challenge and many of them took me a couple of weeks to get 'right'.



Daisy lying on bean bag in rude position

Just as *'Daisy'* was about to be published, the Pit Bull stories began to break and I was worried about the reception the book would get. However, like all Bull Terriers, *'Daisy'* seems to have been immune to outside forces. I have had excellent reports from children, but I have a sneaky suspicion that a lot of grown-up Bull Terrier owners are also responsible for the book's success. I, personally, have been thrilled by the support from the Bull Terrier community - it's something I never expected. I really hope that *'Daisy'* can help redress some of the bad publicity that Bull Terriers have had.



Daisy sitting on Job

As for Daisy herself ... When Job died a couple of years ago, she went into true mourning. She sat head down, in total gloom for three weeks. Nothing would console her. She never stopped looking for him: it was heart-rending. Soon after that, my boyfriend and I parted and he took Daisy. It was a year of sad losses for me: Daisy had been in my care for five and a half years. She now lives in a big house and has some new

friends but I still miss her. So *'Daisy Thinks She Is A Baby'* means a lot to me: it's a lasting tribute to my dear Daisy and a tribute to the unique and wonderful character of Bull Terriers everywhere. When I next feel ready to have a new dog, I wouldn't be at all surprised if it's not 'one of those ugly things'.

Incidentally, *Daisy Thinks She Is A Baby* will be published as a Puffin paperback in July 1995. This year I will be working on some new 'Daisy' stories and am delighted to report that 'Daisy' is also being developed as a cartoon character for television.

Daisy never actually had puppies. I used artistic licence and made the puppies of all the different colours so there would be one of each kind for Bull Terrier owners. I am, however, going to be looking for reference material this year for the stories and animation. Any anecdotes about mother Bull Terriers and puppies would be much appreciated ... and, of course, good baby and Bull Terrier tales.

Lisa Kopper

Editors tailpiece: just in case some unfortunate readers have not seen *Daisy Thinks She Is A Baby* (Hamish Hamilton 1993) it is a delightful little hard back book with not much text (as it was intended for small children) and coloured illustrations which superbly capture Bull Terrier character.

