

# The Latest Wrinkle

December 2015



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The "Color Bulldog" article beginning on Page 7 was written before the BCA meeting in Cromwell, CT. New wording, to **clarify** the standard, regarding "color" has been submitted to AKC.



# Meeting Minutes

## The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle Meeting Minutes December 12 2015

**Meeting Called to Order by President Tamara Marcotte at 7:20 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved as submitted

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:** November minutes approved as written

### **REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

**Report of President (Tamara Marcotte):** Thanked everyone for attending and thanked Ed and Gail Harris for hosting the holiday party.

**Report of Vice President (Sheri Feeney):** No Report

**Report of Secretary (Kim Dailey):** No Report

**Report of Treasurer (Sandy Fisher):** Financial report available. Membership renewals are slow coming in. Reminded everyone to please renew your membership.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**No committee reports this month**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **2016 BCGS Officers and Board Members**

President: Tamara Marcotte

Vice-President: Sherri Feeney

Secretary: Kim Daily

Treasurer: Sandy Fisher

Board Members: Jeff Ryman, Trish Whitney, Len Whitney

#### **Seattle Kennel Club Breed Booth**

Decided to have 2 booths again this year. Space was better for visiting with people. We will be next to Bulldog Haven again. They will be reserving our space to guarantee we are next to each other (Club will reimburse)

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

LJ & Molly Caruso

Randall Bennett

#### **NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS:**

None

#### **Upcoming Shows and Events**

January 16, 2016

Bulldog Club of America (Puyallup, WA)

Judge: Shalisa Neely



# Meeting Minutes continued

January 16-18, 2016

Puyallup Cluster (Puyallup, WA)

Judge: Carloyn Herbel

Judge: Johnny Shoemaker

Judge: Loraine Boutwell

January 20, 2016

Bulldog Club of America (Portland, OR)

Judge: Shawn Ashbaugh

January 21-24, 2016

Rose City Classic (Portland, OR)

Judge: Betsy Dale

Judge: David Alexander

Judge: Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark

Judge: George Milutinovich



Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> after bulldog judging at Puyallup Show

Raffle: Was won by Sandy Fisher



# Show Results

**December 3, 2015**

**Oregon State Bulldog Club (Ridgefield, WA)**

**Judge: John Richardson**

**Best of Breed**

GCH Brumar's Paddi's Rollin' Hard With  
Owner: Sandra Martinex

**Best of Opposite Sex**

CH Timeliss Cherry Bomb of Bristol  
Owners: Joan Johnson, Jenifer Dayal,  
Melissa Norton, DMV, Terry Thorn

**Best of Winners, Winners Dog**

Shining Star on Dlanor's El Mariachi  
Owners: Ronald Romualdo, Ronal Silvera

**Winners Bitch**

Brumars Sureshot Da Homie E  
Owners: Pat Buchanan, Louise Deschenes,  
Sandra Martinez

**Reserve Winners Dog**

Enviabull Bomber's Breakin the Sound Barrier  
Owners: Erica Peters

**Reserve Winners Bitch**

Jomar's Legendary Moon Goddess  
Owners: Jose Barajas

**Select Dog**

GCH Iroc Viva Las Vegas, RN  
Owners: Kandie Kroonen

**Select Bitch**

CH. Font A Nose Only Ginger Snap  
Owners: Joel & Brenda Fontanos

**Best Puppy**

Shining Star on Dlanor's El Mariachi  
Owners: Ronald Romualdo, Ronal Silvera

**December 4, 2015**

**Oregon State Bulldog Club (Ridgefield, WA)**

**Judge: Faye Richardson**

**Best of Breed**

GCH Classay Major League HGM In God We Trust  
Owner: Dennis Balanag

**Best of Opposite Sex**

Brumers Sureshot Da Homie E.  
Owners: Pat Buchanan, Louis Deschenes,  
Sandra Martinez

**Best of Winners, Winners Dog**

Enviabull Bomber's Breakin the Sound Barrier  
Owner: Erica Peters

**Winners Bitch**

Font A Nose's Just Where the Winde Takes Her  
Owners: Katherine Andrew, Brenda Fontanos,  
Joel Fontanos

**Reserve Winners Dog**

Shining Star on Dlanor's El Mariachi  
Owners: Ronald Romualdo, Ronal Silvera

**Reserve Winners Bitch**

Sureshots A Lil Sentimental  
Owners: Pat Buchanan, Louise Deschenes

**Select Dog**

GCH. Brumer's Paddi's Rollin'Hard with  
Rockbottoms  
Owners: Sandra Martinez

**Select Bitch**

CH. Font A Nose Only Ginger Snap  
Owners: Joel & Brenda Fontanos

**Best Puppy**

Shining Star on Dlanor's El Mariachi  
Owners: Ronald Romualdo, Ronal Silvera

**Sweepstakes Judge: Kim Lucier**

**Best in Sweepstakes**

Bristol's Is There Something I Should Know  
Owners: Jenifer Dayal, Joan Johnson,  
Melissa M. Norton, DMV.

**Best of Opposite Sex**

Shining Star on Dlanor's El Mariachi  
Owners: Ronald Romualdo, Ronal Silvera

**December 5, 2015**

**Greater Clark County Kennel Club  
(Ridgefield, WA)**

**Judge: Ms. Joanne Paulk**

**Best of Breed, Group 1**

GCH CH WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN  
Owner: Jay Serion

**Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners,  
Winners Bitch**

ENJOY SOMETHINGROYAL  
Owners: **Jody & Larry Hoffman**. AGENT: Jay Serion

**Winners Dog**

TUMBLEWEED'S SHOW ME THE MONEY  
Owner: Kandie L Kroonen

**Reserve Winners Dog**

DEVINE'S ADVENTURE SCHWEDDY BALLZ  
Owners: Kimberly & Thomas Lucier & Brian &  
Beth Stephenson

# Show Results continued & Upcoming Shows

## Reserve Winners Bitch

BRISTOL'S IS THERE SOMETHING I SHOULD KNOW

Owners: Jenifer Dayal Joan Johnson Melissa Norton DVM

## Select Dog

CH IROC VIVA LAS VEGAS.

Owners: Kandie L Kroonen

## Select Bitch, Best of Breed Owner Handled

CH. Font A Nose Only Ginger Snap

Owners: Joel & Brenda Fontanos

## Best Bred By Exhibitor/Group 4

ARES ALPHONSE GABRIEL 'A1' CAPONE II.

Owners: Andrew Smith

December 6, 2015

Greater Clark County Kennel Club (Ridgefield, WA)

Judge: Mrs. Gloria Geringer

## Best in Show....Best of Breed Group 1

GCH CH WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owner: Jay Serion

## Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Bitch

MONARCH ABOUT TIME

Owners: Shawn Ashbaugh Michelle Cazett

## Winners Dog, Best Owner Handled

MAJESTIC AGAPE GUINNESS EXTRA STOUT CGC

Owner: Alecia Gibson

## Reserve Winners Dog

FONT A NOSES MAXIMUS

Owners: Joel & Brenda Fontanos

## Reserve Winners Bitch

WALKIN' BLUES GINGER NOT MARYANN

Owners: Suzy Holleran & Chris Holleran

## Select Dog

CH DLANORSDIRTYDEEDSDONEDIRTCHEAP

SHINNINGSTAR

Owners: Ronald Romualdo

## Select Bitch, Best of Breed Owner Handled

BRUMARS SURESHOT DA HOMIE E

Owners: Pat Buchanan & Louise Deschenes &

Sandra Martinez.

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# 2015 Christmas Party



# Color Bulldog Article

## THE PHENOMENON OF “RARE”, “EXOTIC” and “FAD” COLORED BULLDOGS

By Susan Rohringer

For those that have been involved in the Bulldog breed 20, 30 or more years, there was never an issue of “exotic colors” in Bulldogs. Yes, occasionally a black dog or one with a Liver-colored nose would appear, but when this occurred, the dog would be spayed/neutered and placed in a pet home with no AKC registration papers.

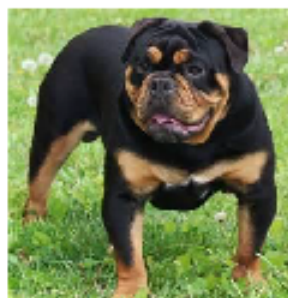
Today, our breed is facing a very disturbing trend with the appearance of Non-Standard colors, something the founders of our breed could not possibly have anticipated. We are seeing an alarming increase in the numbers of breeders, websites and social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) purposefully breeding for and advertising “exotic”, “fad” or “rare color” Bulldogs. These rogue breeders have capitalized on recessive color genes, DNA test their dogs for those recessive colors, and very likely engage in outcrossing with other breeds, to intentionally and prolifically produce Non-Standard colored Bulldogs. They breed strictly for color, at the expense of and disregard to conformation, health and temperament. They charge outrageous prices for puppies, dogs and stud fees. Depending on the color and genetic DNA make-up of the individual dog, prices can range from \$5,000 - \$30,000, with stud fees commonly in the \$2,500 - \$7,500 range.

“Exotic”, “Rare, and “Fad” colors include any Non-Standard color for our breed: Black, Blue (Grey or Mouse), Chocolate-Liver-Seal (what we refer to as a Dudley), Lilac, and now even Merle. All of these colors can be solid, have tan points, or be tri-colored with white patches/tan points. In addition to these colors being highly objectionable and undesirable, both to the BCA Standard and to the individual responsible breeder, we are facing a serious problem with the integrity of our breed and stud book with AKC! The introduction of the Blue color into Bulldogs is highly suspect, as is the recent appearance of BLUE MERLE and CHOCOLATE MERLE Bulldogs, with evidence suggesting the outcrossing with other breeds to get these colors. Yes, AKC is registering all these colors, even Merle patterned Bulldogs.

Here are a few examples of Non-Standard Colored dogs:



Black/White



Black/Tan



Black Tri-Color



Blue/White

# Color Bulldog Article

## THE PHENOMENON OF "RARE", "EXOTIC" and "FAD" COLORED BULLDOGS (cont'd)



Lilac Tri-Color



Chocolate Tri-Color



Blue Merle



Blue Merle Tri-Color

This color phenomenon is fairly recent, appearing within the last 10 years or so. The problem stems from unscrupulous breeders and AKC's practice of registering these Non-Standard colors. While the paper registration form shows correct colors for our breed, the online registration form includes a whole host of additional colors. When and how did that happen? Why did AKC change the online registration process to include Non-Standard colors? Why does the Bulldog Breed Information page on the AKC website show both "Standard" and "Non-Standard" colors and markings? Perhaps, it has always been like this, and no one noticed? Questions need to be answered.

Even more disturbing, this is becoming a much broader issue with non-Standard colors appearing in other countries, as well. They are appearing in Canada, England, France, Australia, Mexico and many South American countries. Other breeds have had or are currently having similar problems with non-Standard colors, as well, such as the French Bulldog, Labrador Retriever, Dachshund, Newfoundland, Siberian Husky, to name a few.

Adding to the problem is the ambiguous wording in our Written Standard on coat color. Our Standard DOES NOT clearly define - as many other breed Standards do - allowable colors and those that are DISQUALIFICATIONS. The current wording in the BCA Written Standard for color is "preferred" colors. Our ONLY disqualification is a Brown or Liver-colored nose. Since the BCA Standard DOES NOT disqualify these colors, this ambiguity gives "Color Breeders" a platform and argument to promote their breeding agendas as "acceptable by AKC", which they do so very readily on their websites.

Whether we want to admit it or not, Non-Standard color breeders do a fantastic job marketing and promoting their "product", primarily through online resources (websites, E-Bay, Craig's List, Facebook, Instagram, etc.). They intentionally misrepresent the AKC as the holder of our breed Standard, which is reinforced by the AKC online registration form and the AKC website Bulldog Breed Information page, as both list numerous Non-Standard colors. The result is the public is being educated to think Non-Standard colors are correct and permissible! We must do our part to combat this awful trend.



# Color Bulldog Article

## THE PHENOMENON OF "RARE", "EXOTIC" and "FAD" COLORED BULLDOGS (cont'd)

One can argue that the public should educate themselves as to what is correct, should know about BCA, the Written Standard and correct colors. Is that a reasonable expectation? Who does the public think of first when looking for a Bulldog puppy - the AKC or BCA? The responsibility is on us, the Bulldog Club of America, its members and governing bodies, to actively denounce the breeding of Non-Standard colors. We ALL must take a stand and make it perfectly clear that Non-Standard colors are wrong.

So, what can we do? First and foremost, encourage BCA to take a stand on the issue with AKC. You can do this by contacting your Division Board and Governors. As BCA clubs and individual members, we should educate ourselves on the issue and use every opportunity to be proactive in changing public perception, whether that be at shows, at your veterinarian's office, while walking your dog, at club events, Meet The Breeds, etc. Perhaps we need to consider devoting an entire page about the issue on club and personal websites. And ADVERTISE your well-bred, healthy, health-tested, Standard colored puppies! Frankly, we have an in-house culture that frowns upon "respectable breeders" advertising puppies. This needs to change, as the color breeders are winning the war on getting their "message" out. They have an active internet presence and are not afraid to promote their puppies and kennels. Why shouldn't we do the same? In fact, this issue was brought up in the September 2015 issue of the Bulldogger. Please go re-read it. Get the word out there that ...

## WE ARE BCA MEMBERS, WE ARE REPUTABLE BREEDERS, AND WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHY, STANDARD COLORED BULLDOGS!

(Note: Since the initial penning of this article, the Division III Board and Governors voted to address the color issue by placing the registration of Non-Standard colored Bulldogs on the National Councilor Agenda.)



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