

# good deeds

Up until fall 2005, the group now called Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue used to be a committee of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Bulldog Club. Because of liability concerns, the club decided to have the rescue committee split off from the club and became a separate entity. The club requested that the group no longer refer to itself as SPMBC Rescue and that we create a new name for the rescue group. A motion was made at a club meeting that the club would continue to provide support to rescue, although it was never specified as to what kind of support that might be. At any rate, we are the same people doing the same work we did before, but with a new name. An announcement was made at a recent club meeting that our rescue group would not be allowed to fundraise at future SPMBC events, so the support of Wrinkle Time attendees is appreciated more than ever.

Here is a story of one little Bulldog that was rehomed by this group. "Bella" was 14 months old when she was turned over to rescue. She had been purchased by a well-meaning couple from a "puppy miller/dog broker" whom they met by the side of the road. This couple bought Bella even though they didn't have a good feeling about the "breeder". However, they bought her anyway because they felt sorry for her. She was covered in grime and had urine-scalded skin from being forced to lie in a filthy crate for probably hours on end. The seller would not even let Bella out of the car until they handed over the cash for her. This couple took her home and immediately gave her a bath. Once the filth was gone they could see that Bella was missing a lot of hair. After discussing possible causes with some "friend of a friend" who was a vet, they had second thoughts about the responsibility of taking on a dog with health problems so soon after losing their previous Bulldog from surgical complications. They tried to return Bella, but the seller ignored their calls. So they called our rescue group. Because they were still hurting over the loss of their last Bulldog, they were unwilling to risk getting attached to Bella. They decided not to wait and see what the prognosis was on Bella once a vet examined her, but surrendered her instead. They just didn't feel equipped to tackle Bella's issues, whatever they may have been.



Bella was examined by Dr. Winsor and her primary health concern was a long-neglected case of demodetic mange. Bella was vaccinated, wormed and started on treatments to clear up her mange. She responded to the mange treatment quite well and became a lovely little Bulldog. John and Veronique McMillan graciously accepted the responsibility of rehabilitating Bella and took care of her for about a month in their home. She was a stubborn little girl at times, but they worked wonders with her. A young couple from Iowa visiting friends happened to spot Bella with the McMillans in a parking lot. They introduced themselves asked if we could pet their dogs (Bella and the McMillan's dog, Lucky were hanging out in the car), they got to talking and when they found out that Bella was available for adoption, decided to try to adopt her. They were required to fill out a detailed questionnaire and also were interviewed by our adoption coordinator, Lissa Steenerson to evaluate whether they could provide an optimal environment for Bella.

Fortunately, after numerous conversations with Lissa, this couple "passed" and were allowed to adopt Bella. Thanks to their dedication, Bella is now happy and healthy and adored by her new "mom and dad". Bella even participated in The Drake Relays "Most Beautiful Bulldog" contest in Des Moines Iowa earlier this year. Although she didn't take home the

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top prize, Bella was given the title of "Doghouse Darling", a distinction given to the outstanding female contestant. Bella was featured on MSNBC.com, the Des Moines Register Web site and actual paper, and was on the Today show. Her new family is quite proud of her.

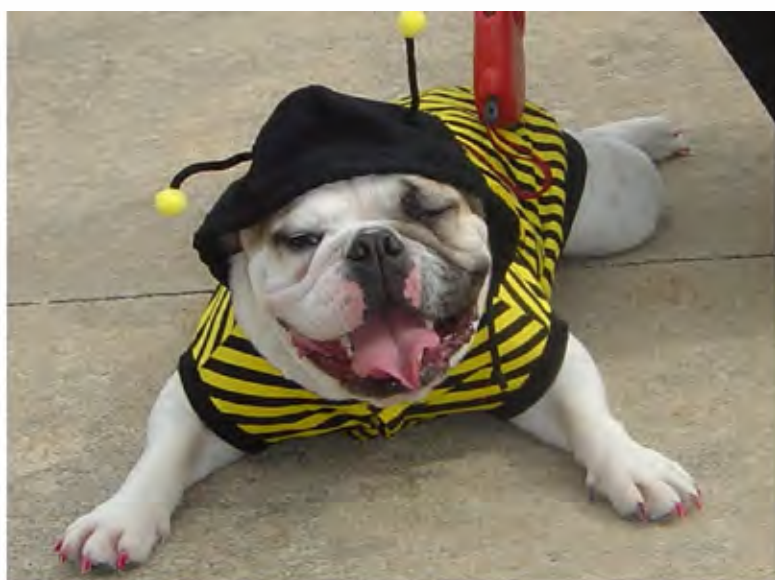
Here is what Bella's new owners recently had to say about Bella:

Bella Star has been an absolute joy in our lives -- it's hard to think of what life was like before she came home to us. Bella has this incredible spunk and a personality that lights up any room. Plus, she is just so much fun to have around! We really do believe that we were meant to be her mom and dad. It's difficult to think of what happened to her in her first

year of life. Yet we are so grateful to her second owners

for placing her into the MN Bulldog Rescue. If it wasn't for the love and support from the organization and the McMillans, Bella would not have found her forever home. For that, we are truly grateful.

- Amanda & Adam Price



# august's gathering

You can see all of the photos from August's gathering at

[http://www.wrinkletime.org/Meetings/August\\_2006/August\\_2006.htm](http://www.wrinkletime.org/Meetings/August_2006/August_2006.htm)



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