

# Good Deeds

Did you know that the Bulldog breed is now in the number 8 spot for AKC registrations? That is up from the number 10 spot they moved up into just last year. In 1998 they were ranked 23rd. This steady climb is not good news for the breed. More and more Bulldogs are ending up in rescue than ever before due in large part to greedy breeders who sell puppies to impulsive buyers who are not prepared for the commitment of owning this lovely, but sometimes "high maintenance" breed.

There were over 100 Bulldogs in rescue in the US for the month of December, 2008. The economy and housing crisis in the US has affected shelters and rescue groups all over the country. Some very nice Bulldogs are coming into rescue and they deserve a chance to have a better life, but there is only so much a limited number of volunteers can handle. Here in Minnesota, we are fortunate that the volume of dogs coming into rescue has been manageable, but other areas are not as fortunate.

The BCARN is the parent organization to which local groups like Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue, belong to. The BCARN has enough structure to give local rescue groups guidelines to follow to ensure that the care and adoption of dogs is handled properly. However, the BCARN also has enough flexibility to allow local rescue groups to make their own set of guidelines in addition to BCARN's in order to do things that work best for their local situation.

Local Bulldog rescue groups follow the BCARN's guidelines and their individual members have to apply for membership to the BCARN. BCARN members also have to follow a code of ethics and they have to be members of BCA before they can apply for membership to the BCARN. Most local rescue groups do not receive any financial aid from BCARN however, and rely on their own fund-raising efforts to keep their local group solvent.

In 2008, Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue rehomed seven dogs and assisted other rescue volunteers with the rehoming of three other dogs. Although our rescue group's focus is primarily Minnesota Bulldogs in need of homes, we have occasionally taken in Bulldogs from areas where there are no BCARN representatives. We are fortunate that in Minnesota there are not a lot of dogs coming into rescue and we have an adequate amount of volunteers.

Here in the Midwest, there are no rescue volunteers for the states of Iowa, Nebraska or North Dakota. There is only one BCARN representative for South Dakota and he is in the far western edge of the state. Because not all areas of the country have enough volun-

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teers, occasionally volunteers have to take dogs in from areas other than their primary "territory". In these cases, volunteers will try to get the surrendering owner to transport the dog to the foster home themselves, but sometimes these dogs come from shelters and so arranging transportation to a rescue volunteer's home can be tricky. Cooperation between the various BCARN volunteers is essential in getting these dogs into the safety of a BCARN foster home and out of a shelter. If you are willing to help out with transport of a rescue dog, please contact a BCARN rescue volunteer. Some of them are listed on the roster page of the BCARN website. Just go to: [www.rescuebulldogs.org](http://www.rescuebulldogs.org) for the volunteer closest to you.

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# Look What We Found

<http://www.piggybankofamerica.com/index1.html>

This place will custom paint your bulldog onto a life size piggy bank! How cool is that?

Thanks for letting us know about this Justine!

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I thought you might be interested in a product I've been using on my cats, but I've also used on Ozzie.

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