

good deeds

Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue is going to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival! We were invited to participate in their 2nd Annual Pet Festival which will be held August 16th & 17th (first weekend of the festival) from 10 am to 6 pm. We will use this wonderful opportunity to promote breed rescue and responsible pet ownership. We will also have informational handouts for people on how to responsibly purchase a purebred puppy and to educate about the evils of puppy mills.

Because of the weather that time of year, we may not be able to bring any dogs with us to the festival. Fortunately, we are not required to have dogs in attendance to participate, however we were required to have a pop-up tent. Luckily for us, Karen and Chris Zimny generously offered to provide the tent, so now we are all set. Thanks Karen & Chris! If you are at the Renaissance Festival on those days, please stop in and say "Hi"!



Currently in rescue is Spoonie. Spoonie is a four year old neutered male that was not comfortable with a crawling baby in the home. Although he had been OK with her previously, once she became more mobile he was increasingly wary of her and he had begun to warn her to stay away from him by growling. To be on the safe side, his owners decided a new home for Spoonie was their best option.

Spoonie needed some medical issues tended to before he could be adopted. He required surgery on his eyelids because he was suffering from "entropion". This is a condition where the lids (usually the lower lids) roll towards the eye. This can cause the dog's corneas to become scratched and if left untreated for long enough, they can become ulcerated and possibly even lose the eye. This condition often starts when a dog begins to squint for some reason, such as dirt in the eye, or extra eyelashes rubbing. Once the dog starts to squint the lids will often times not roll back to their normal position. As a result, the hairs along the rolled lid begin to rub on the cornea of the eye, causing pain and more squinting and along with that, even more damage.

Now that Spoonie has had his entropion surgery, he should be feeling much better. Spoonie also suffers from "dry eye", another chronic condition common in Bulldogs where the dog does not produce enough tears for adequate lubrication for the eye. Spoonie's tear production was pretty much non-existent when he came to us. He is now on cyclosporine eye medication which should help the condition, but he will require eye medication for the rest of his life to keep that under control.

We are hopeful to have Spoonie in his forever home soon. We have another Bulldog named Mabel coming into rescue. Her situation is very similar to Spoonie's toddler and dog not seeing eye-to-eye. Once we have a foster home lined up for Mabel, we will officially have her in rescue and will begin the search to find her a forever home as well. We will have an update on both of these dogs in the next edition of the newsletter.

With more people finding out about rescue services and contacting us for assistance, more foster homes are needed to keep up with the number of dogs coming into rescue. If this is something you think you could participate in, please feel free to contact Rita for more information about being a "foster" mom or dad for a Bulldog in need. All expenses are reimbursed, so there is no cost to you, just an investment of your time. Fostering is a rewarding experience and most of these dogs are just like your own dog(s), they are house-trained and most are pretty well behaved, they just aren't in the home best suited for them and need a second chance at finding the home that will allow them to thrive.

Please email Rita at: rita@reingoldbulldogs.com or call 952- 873-3037 for more info.



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