



SBTCPS Newsletter

January 2011

We made it! 2010 is complete and we are going strong for 2011!



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



"Violet" & "Sadie"

Upcoming Events:

Coleen Case wishes to remind you that the Seattle Kennel Club show is March 12th & 13th, and we, as a club, want to have a Meet the Breed booth. If you are interested in volunteering in the booth, these shifts are available: Saturday - Set up, 10:00 am to 12:00 , 12:00-2:00, 2:00-4:00. Sunday- 10:00-12:00, 12:00-2:00, 2:00-4:00. Also, if anyone can help take the booth down on Sunday please let Coleen know. Contact Coleen at coleenblaze@msn.com or (425) 413-1781 to sign up. Thank you for your support during one of our big events in 2011!

Ace & Josie's December activities by Lucille Perry.

Josie made her final visit to our local hospital as a therapy dog and Ace will be doing so on Thursday. We can still only visit the waiting area on the second floor and a building for cancer patients. Our key person who managed to get us into the hospital is still trying to convince the top brass that dogs at bedside for brief visits would cheer up the patients. I get the impression they're going through lots of red tape. However, I decided that the dogs and I could skip that activity in the coming year, but still continue our therapy dog and Canine Ambassador visits.

On December 8 we visited a school we hadn't been to before. The entire enrollment is 64 from grades 1 through 5. The teachers and kids enjoyed the programs--we broke it down to two programs, as we can present more information to those in the upper grades. We left them with a poster of AKC breeds, pencils, coloring books, ect., and lots of doggie love. Some of the children asked if Ace was the "dog in the video." I told them that Billie Dee lives in New York but agreed that he looks a lot like her.

Two Wednesdays later, our group gave a presentation to St. Anne Catholic School. It was Ace's eleventh annual visit; he first went there as a wiggly nine-month-old puppy. He's looking like a senior dog with some grey around the muzzle but he can hardly contain his enthusiasm when he sees all the students. We had dogs performing drop on recall, jumping through a series of hula hoops, explained about the dangers of leaving a choke chain on a dog, talked about safety around dogs and safety for dogs, amongst other things. At one point, we lined up four dogs and, on the opposite end of the room, lined up three dogs facing them. Owners faced their dogs from across the room and called all of the dogs at once. Ace had to dodge and weave to get through the oncoming dogs -- as did the rest of the dogs. It sure looked great. What a demonstration of stability. Of course, we caution the kids not to try that at home; only these well-trained dogs can do such a thing.

A few minutes before our time was up I asked the children if they wanted to ask questions, or pet the dogs. Guess which option they chose.

Best wishes,

Lucille



Your 2011 SBTCPS membership is due by January 31st!

Dues are \$20.00 per person.

**Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound
2011 Membership Renewal**

Member Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Member roster will be made available to club members only.
I request my name, address and phone NOT be listed _____.

Please return the completed renewal form along with your check.

Payable to: SBTCPS - mail to:

Wendy Stafford, Treasurer

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Upcoming Shows!

Western Washington Cluster- Puyallup, WA - Jan. 14th- 16th (entries closed)

Rose City Classic - Portland, OR - Jan. 19th - 23rd (entries closed)

Linn County Kennel Club - Albany, OR - Feb. 11th - 14th (entries close Jan. 26th at Noon. Superintendent: Onofrio)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our next meeting will be February 1, 2011 at:

Bothell Police Station
18410 -101st Ave. NE
Bothell, WA 98011

Officers:

Jenny Merritt - President

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Marji Haley

Secretary