



**October 2011**

Fall is finally here! Halloween is just around the corner, and we hope you have a safe and happy one.

If you haven't been to our Facebook page yet, please come and "like" us! We've been posting updates from local rescues and shelters, as well as fun stories and anything else that grabs our attention. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/RoverRetreatGolden>.

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## **Rover Retreat Goings-On**

### **\*\*\* Happy Bulloween! \*\*\***

For the third year, we are hosting the Bulldog Club of Denver's Bulloween Party on Sunday, October 30, at Golden. If you'd like to watch English bulldogs running around in costume, please RSVP! Details are on the last page of the newsletter.

### **\*\*\* Halloween Costume Contest \*\*\***

It's time for the Halloween Costume Contest! If you'd like to enter, bring a picture of your dog in costume as soon as possible! Photos will be posted in the lobby, and the winners will receive prizes. Check with your location for more details.

### **\*\*\* Anniversary Specials! \*\*\***

Because October is the anniversary month for both locations, we are offering a couple of specials. Golden will take 10% off all services the week of October 24–31, and Wheat Ridge will give a free bath for every daycare package purchased during October.

### **\*\*\* Please Help Us Keep ALL the Dogs and People Safe \*\*\***

A few of our clients have expressed concern that others do not have their dogs on leash in the parking lot or in the lobby. Please remember, ALL dogs must be on a leash when entering and leaving the building, including the parking lot area. When you arrive, please keep your dogs leashed until a staff member can take them from you.

We realize that while some dogs are well behaved off leash, you don't always know how other dogs will react to your dog (and vice versa) in the public areas, especially since you are there. Dogs often feel the need to protect their owners, so if all dogs are on leash, owners have control over them. We need to keep public areas as safe as possible for everyone, so please put your dogs on leash. This is no different from when you take your dog to the vet.

We understand this may be an inconvenience for some; however, we feel we cannot make any exceptions and ask that everyone adhere to this policy. If you need assistance bringing your dogs in or out of the building, or you've forgotten your leash, we're more than happy to help you.

Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter!

### **\*\*\* Vaccination Reminder \*\*\***

In looking over our records, we've had a few pups lately who were several months overdue on their vaccinations. Typically, your vet will send you a reminder when shots are due, but if you aren't sure whether it's time, please ask. We try to let you know, but we don't always catch it in a timely manner.

We require proof of current rabies, distemper, and Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccinations. Rabies shots are due every 1-3 years, distemper is required annually, and Bordetella is normally given every 6 months. After your dog is vaccinated, please mail, email, fax, or bring in a copy of the proof of vaccination. A receipt listing the shots given is fine, and we'll be happy to make a copy and return the original.

Golden's fax number is 303-384-3298, and Wheat Ridge's is 303-432-8909. Thank you!

### **\*\*\* Crazy Weather Tip \*\*\***

It's the time of year when the weather can change drastically in an instant. Please make sure your dogs have adequate cover and protection when they are outside. A nice morning may turn into a windy, rainy, or snowy afternoon.

## **Halloween Safety for Dogs**

While humans of all ages love Halloween, it can be a stressful and dangerous time for your dogs. Following are a few tips and ideas to keep your pups safe and stress-free during trick-or-treating:

- **Decorate high.** Keep decorations off the floor in areas your dogs will be in. Your pups can get caught in decorations, knock them over, or chew on them. A good rule of thumb is if you wouldn't let a toddler near a decoration, don't let your dogs near it.
- **On Halloween night, keep your dog inside for his or her own protection.** With kids running around in scary costumes, your dog can be stressed and react unpredictably. He or she might get out or accidentally get hurt in the yard. Keep the dog in a quiet room if possible, and if he or she needs to go out, go along. If you must put him or her outside for any length of time, make sure collar and tags are on just in case.
- **Reduce exposure to scary costumes.** Tell the kids not to scare the dog while they're in costume. Think of how some dogs react negatively to beards, booming voices, and hats; Halloween masks may provoke a similar reaction in your dog.
- **Choose doggie costumes wisely.** If you must dress up your dog, buy a costume made specifically for dogs, and make sure it's the right size. He or she should be able to move and breathe easily with nothing dragging or dangling. Keep an eye on your dog in case the costume shifts or gets in the way.
- **Keep bags out of reach.** As you fill (and refill) the treat bowl, be sure to throw the bags away. Dogs can suffocate from playing with them just as children can.
- **Keep chocolate and xylitol out of reach.** The artificial sweetener xylitol and chocolate are toxic to dogs, and sugar of any kind isn't good for them either. Keep the treats out of reach, and don't let the children keep candy in their rooms. Throw away wrappers—dogs will get the scent of the candy and try to eat them.
- **Watch the door.** The constant ringing of the doorbell may drive your dog nuts, and his or her reaction may drive you nuts. In addition, you never know how your dog may react to what he or she sees at the door. Consider putting your dog in another room while you're giving out treats.

If your pup doesn't like all the Halloween excitement, we'd be happy to have him or her stay overnight.

## **Rescue Group of the Month: Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network**

The Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network (BCARN) exists to help homeless English bulldogs find responsible, loving homes. The group rehabilitates dogs through training and provides foster homes and medical treatment—including spaying and neutering—until a permanent home is found. BCARN carefully screens potential adopters and fully informs them about the special needs of the breed and each dog's personality traits. BCARN does not sell dogs or advertise puppies for sale.

The local chapter of BCARN, the Bulldog Club of Denver (BCD), is a nonprofit organization whose members include veterinarians, breeders, and anyone who owns or loves the breed. BCD's mission is to protect the English bulldog breed through sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, and it hosts classes, matches, and events such as Bulloween throughout the year.

For more information about BCARN or the Bulldog Club of Denver, visit their website at [www.bcod.org](http://www.bcod.org).

## **Funny Dog!**

### **Doggie Dictionary**

**Pants leg:** The best napkin in the house. To be polite, be sure to wipe your mouth on as many as you can find in the living room—guests first, of course.

**Thunder:** The end of the world. React as necessary.

**Bath:** The best way for you to help your owners clean the bathroom. As you shake off the water and zoom around the bathroom touching everything, you wet it down. You're so helpful!

**Vacuum:** What you do when you lovingly lick up anything that falls to the floor. Vacuuming also applies to anything on the counter—you help keep the kitchen clean that way.

**Dog bed:** Anything you like, including clean laundry, new furniture, and the dead squirrel in the yard. For best results, lie outside for an hour—rolling around vigorously at least three times—before coming indoors to continue your nap.

## **What the Pups Are Up To:**

Halloween's gone to the dogs!

<http://dogblog.dogster.com/2011/10/06/dogsters-picks-of-the-week-halloween-edition/>

**\*\*\* More information about Bulloween on next page \*\*\***

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Rover Retreat to Host Bulloreen Party for Third Year**

*Metro Denver's premier non-traditional dog day care and boarding kennel announces the annual English bulldog costume contest and fun play date for the dogs and their owners, with proceeds going to bulldog rescue.*

**GOLDEN, CO —October 11, 2011—**A steadfast supporter of animal rescue, Rover Retreat is hosting the [Bulldog Club of Denver](#)'s (BCD) Bulloreen party for the third consecutive year on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 17731 W. Colfax Avenue in Golden.

From 11:30 a.m. through 1 p.m., Bulloreen events will include a costume contest with prizes and snacks. The cost is \$5.00 per family, with all proceeds collected to be matched by BCD and utilized for local rescue efforts by the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network.

The objective of the Rescue Network is to accept stray or abandoned bulldogs, or those whose owners can no longer keep them, and find loving, stable homes for them. The group provides foster homes, training, and medical treatment when necessary. Prospective new homes are carefully screened, and prospective adopters are fully informed about the breed and each dog's special needs. Before placement, rescue bulldogs are spayed or neutered to reduce overpopulation.

Therese Morin, owner of Rover Retreat, looks forward to hosting Bulloreen each year. "My favorite part is watching the bulldogs running around and playing in costume," she said. "We also have fun activities planned, so please feel free to join us and support bulldog rescue."

Guests are asked to bring a snack to share and a chair, if possible. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to RSVP with the number of humans and dogs by Wednesday, October 26 to Nancy Brown at 720-290-3546.

**About The Bulldog Club of Denver:**

The Bulldog Club of Denver (BCD) is a nonprofit organization whose members include professional English bulldog breeders and veterinarians, as well as anyone who owns or loves the breed. BCD hosts an annual specialty show and a variety of events, classes, and matches throughout the year. Their goal is to uphold the English bulldog ideal through education, competition, and fellowship. The Bulldog Club of Denver does not sell dogs or advertise puppies for sale.

For more information about the Bulldog Club of Denver, visit their website at [www.bcod.org](http://www.bcod.org).

**About Rover Retreat:**

Rover Retreat offers dog day care and overnight boarding services for dogs four months of age and older. Its experienced staff gives each dog individual attention and learns each dog's

personality, likes, dislikes, and special needs. Dogs enjoy plenty of supervised playtime, and owners have the peace of mind that their dogs are happy and well taken care of. Rover Retreat currently has two locations in the Denver metro area: Golden and Wheat Ridge.

To learn more about your best friend's home away from home, please visit [www.roverretreat.com](http://www.roverretreat.com), or call 303-215-0413.

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