

2017 Marjorie Rossfelder Award

Shortly after The Rescue Welfare Trust Fund of the Bull Terrier Club of America received the money from the Marjorie Rossfelder estate the RWTF board discussed giving out an award in her memory. It was agreed that it had to be a special award, only given out to someone who went way above and way beyond what a normal "rescue person" does - someone who didn't just spend a few years in Rescue but a person who has dedicated years of their life to Rescue.

This person has to be someone who not only helps with rescue but someone who *Is* Rescue: This person picks up the dog, houses the dog, takes the dog to the vet, rehabilitates the dog when needed, finds a home for the dog, does the house-check, follows up on the dog, takes the dog back when it doesn't work out, and then starts all over. This person gets teary eyed when they hear of the dog's situation, they weep when they see the dog in it's condition, they cry when it returns a sad look, clearly stating that the dog understands that he is unloved and unwanted. This person will sometimes just sit with the dog and mourn as they too do not understanding why he can't find a home. They sob when the only thing left to do for an old or ill dog is put him down and end his suffering.

This person is thrilled when a home is found, they rejoice after the dog has been in the home for a while and the owners call or write to say how much they love the dog. It's justification for, the long hours, the frustration, the many dollars spent, the worry, and the heartache that is an all too present but un-welcome part of Rescue. This person often feels like they are alone in their plight to save all the bull terriers.. so many others call and email and tell them to help, yet they themselves just can't because of oh so many reasons. This person has spent money they don't have, or that should have been used for their own well being. This person does it over and over and although they often say they will, and even long to stop... they don't... they continue relentlessly saving one bull terrier at a time... time and time again.

There will never be a day when the bull terriers all have homes, when they all are loved, and when they are all wanted. But this person is determined to make it happen for all those bull terriers that come through their door and into their life.

As Marjorie Rossfelder went way above and way beyond by leaving us the funds from her estate... we want this award to go **ONLY** to those special people who have gone way above and way beyond for bull terriers in the past, still do today, and whom we know will be there in the years to come... still going way above and way beyond to help as many bull terriers in need as they can.

Being the inaugural year for this award the decision was made to award two plaques. These plaques were awarded Silverwood weekend in Modesto, CA.

The first was given at the Rescue Parade to Susi Ming, who's service and dedication to bull terrier rescue on the west coast is renowned and unparalleled.

The second award was given, at the Banquet, to Glenna Wright.

We couldn't get away with just awarding the second recipient next year as being on the committee to decide the recipient, she would never pick herself, nor allow herself to be picked. We all know that the RWTF as it is, would not be here today if not for Glenna.. She is tireless in her efforts for the Trust and she is relentless in what is best for the dogs. Glenna goes way above and way beyond for this organization, and for all the bull terriers that have come through her door and over her phone. She always has and she always will.

This award was presented in appreciation for their dedication, outstanding service, and continued commitment to the bull terrier community. Thank you Susi Ming and Glenna Wright



Our Sincere appreciation to Linda Lethin for creating the bas relief for the plaque!

