

# The 15th Annual Bully Ball



*Ursula*



*Ziggy*

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

**The Whitley Atlanta Buckhead**

*A Ball to Benefit*



# *Letter from the Director*

Welcome to the 15th annual Bully Ball, an evening dedicated to our stubborn, entitled, incorrigible but extremely lovable, smooch-face fur babies.

It's wonderful to see many of our old friends once again and exciting to see so many new faces.

Your generosity as donors and volunteers has led to another successful year. Because of your help we were able to rescue 71 English and French bulldogs with 68 becoming Princes and Princesses with wonderful futures – futures that some thought they could never imagine.

We've again faced many seemingly insurmountable medical issues but, with the help of our wonderful veterinarians and the advanced care we have access to in Atlanta, we found a way. Our veterinarian bills from 2023 were in excess of \$300,000. You will hear more about some of those special pups and many others tonight. We love talking about our dogs.

The popularity of the English bulldog remains high in Georgia for obvious reasons but only recently eclipsed by those precious Frenchies. These precious pups are still purchased without consideration of future medical needs. They are being bred by heartless or inexperienced breeders who are only interested in padding their wallets. In Georgia and surrounding states, we are their only safety net. And, we will not leave any bulldog behind.

Please enjoy your evening. Bid high and bid often...these babies need us more every day. But most of all, help us celebrate the love we share for English and French Bulldogs.

The bullies thank you for your continued support of our mission. Myself, Stephanie and our Board of Directors thank you for taking this journey with us. Together, we are making a difference.

Ruthann Phillips  
*Director, Georgia English Bulldog Rescue*  
*(and Frenchies too!)*



## BOARD MEMBERS

Darryl Adair	Ruthann Phillips
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# 15th Annual Bully Ball

A Toast to The Bully Ball

*Sponsored by Tito's Handmade Vodka*

Silent Auction

Bulldog Buddies

Seated Dinner

Welcome Remarks

*GEBR Board Members*

William P. Fralic, Jr. Service Award

*Ruthann Phillips*

Live Auction

Give Now

Dancing, Casino, Photo Booth, Wine Pull and Open Bar

*Live music by The Potentials*

## — MENU —

Caprese salad with Beefsteak Tomato, Fresh Mozzarella, Basil,  
with Balsamic Drizzle (donated by Ferraro Foods)

Chicken Chardonnay with Airline Chicken, Creamy Rissotto,  
Au Jus Sauteed Artichokes, Carrots and Squash

Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Entrée - Quinoa & Portabella Stack, Grilled tofu,  
roasted carrots, kale, edamame, red peppers and onions  
on Roasted Red Pepper Coulis, drizzled with Balsamic

Triple Mousse Chocolate Cake | Whipped Cream, Berries  
Crème Brûlée Cheesecake | Fresh Berry Compote, Chantilly Whipped Cream  
Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Dessert - Lemon Lime sorbet

*Wine Generously donated by Rescue Dog Wines*

Pinot Noir, Lodi Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc,  
Lisel Blanc de Blancs Brut Méthode Champenoise

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*As of January 26, 2024*

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Generously donated American Eagle Security

## CELEBRITY CANINE GUESTS

The Citadel Mascot, Gen. Mike D. Groshon AKA "G3"  
Dunkin the Frenchie

*As of January 26, 2024*

# Blanton's Collection

Get the pride of Kentucky's full Horse collection. Included in this package are 8 Original Single Barrel Blanton's 750mls. The set features a horse and jockey in different strides and poses resembling the stages of a horse race. Each stopper is marked with a single letter that spells Blanton's when the set has been completed. This wall mounted display with glass shelf has been handcrafted by Stephen and Taira Castora.

Taken from the center-cut or middle sections of the famous Warehouse H, Blanton's Original Single Barrel was once designated for ambassadors, dignitaries, and Colonel Blanton's family and friends. Today, everyone has access to the world's first single barrel bourbon. The taste profile is sweet, with notes of citrus and oak. The creamy vanilla nose is teased with caramel and butterscotch, all underscored by familiar baking spices such as clove, nutmeg, or cinnamon. Blanton's Original set the standard for single barrel bourbons in 1984. Best served neat or on the rocks. Bottled at 46.5% alcohol by volume.

*Generously donated by Stephen and Taira Castora*





# Seven Ocean Front Nights for Two at a 4-Star Resort in Los Cabos

*Winners choose from one of the following properties:*

## Hacienda Encantada Resort & Spa

Enjoy the awe-inspiring views of the majestic Sea of Cortez and Land's End – this Baja Peninsula treasure is the only desert-by-the-sea experience offered; its grand coastline is admired from your private balcony.

Immerse yourself by snorkeling and finding hidden coves, or take a relaxing swim in our infinity pool. Your choice of exquisite dining includes the unrivaled, romantic Las Marias. Indulge in our luxurious spa, or golf nearby at Cabo del Sol, #1 in Latin America.



## Marina Fiesta

Located in the heart of Cabos Golden Zone, in the middle of the action, you're right next to the new Luxury Avenue and Puerto Paraiso Mall, with a movie theater, casino & bowling. A short walk away is the beach, where you can go fishing or whale watching. Possibilities are endless, with golfing, yacht chartering, and enjoying gourmet dining and exciting nightlife, too. Or, stay in and relax at our swim up bar, whirlpool, spa and private balconies.



## Hacienda Del Mar

Nestled within 28 acres of gardens and a private beach, this premier resort boasts hacienda-style architecture throughout its suites, fountains, and shops, with mediterranean touches and upscale decor. Enjoy the on-site spa, a delicious meal at one of its four restaurants and five bars, take a swim in one of its gorgeous pools - or venture out sailing, snorkeling and hiking.



*Blackout Dates: Christmas and New Year weeks. Studio room for 2 Adults with limited upgrade options. Resort fees (average \$249 for entire stay) and local taxes (\$10-\$12 per day) apply. 12 months to redeem, 18 months to travel from the date of purchased. Airfare and ground transportation not included.*

# This Tequila Saves Animals!

Mascota Ultra-Premium Tequila, aka The Doggy Tequila, was born from ‘just an idea’ of creating a liquor brand that would raise awareness for pet adoption and funds for local and national non-profit shelters along with animal welfare organizations. The goal in developing Mascota was to source the best tequila, design a one-of-a-kind package that would be instantly recognizable, and one that stood out as a symbol of hope for animals. With every bottle sold, a portion of profits is donated to non-profit animal shelters and rescues.

Handcrafted by skilled artisans in Pachuca, Mexico, each Mascota Tequila decanter is made individually and is a one-of-a-kind piece of art that is crafted to the highest of standards.

*Generously donated by Founder and CEO of Mascota Tequila, Victoria Araceli Vann, Shannon Campbell, Charlie and Sharon Nettleton, and Stephen and Taira Castora*





# Dinner and Wine Pairing for Six

Invite your friends and get ready for a dinner party of fine wine and cuisine. Good for a six person in-home four course dinner and wine pairing. Dinner features wine and cuisine from your choice of Mexico, Chile, Slovenia, Spain, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Argentina, or South Africa.

Wine pairing presented by and cuisine prepared off site by Melissa Harbers, owner of Pinkies Up Beer and Wine.  
Must redeem by October 15, 2024.

*Generously donated by Pinkies Up Beer & Wine*



# Willett Family Estate Bottled Single Barrell Bourbon

Willett Family Estate Bottled Single Barrell Bourbon is a very unusual whiskey in many regards. The Bourbon label exists for the sole purpose of our family's Private Barrel Selection program and is the only label of its kind in existence. It is an unchill filtered, barrel proof, straight Bourbon Whiskey of unusual depth and complexity.

## *Tasting Notes:*

**Nose:** Funky, heavy caramel in the nose. Bright oak, paper and vanilla mingle gently on a deeper inhale. It noses light like the proof point might suggest. A deeper dive of the nose produces candied cherry, plum and creamy, viscous grape clafoutis.

**Palate:** Where the nose started light, this starts with a bang! Cherry hots sizzle on the top of the tongue as a soft, juicy pear and grapefruit come in the background. Another sip builds in a touch of lemon peel, tingling bright vanilla and sweet kiwi frozen yogurt.

One last sip of the glass produces a big wave of plum, raisin, blackberries, and caramel. The mouth feels thicker now more than ever as the sips build upon each other. The linger is medium with a soft draw down from a slightly earthy caramel bar.

Aged in Hand Selected White Oak  
Barrells for 9 years  
Hand Bottled from Barrell No. 4299  
Alc. 67.9% by Vol. (135.8 Proof)



*Generously donated by Chad and Heather Williams*



Enjoy 7 nights in a luxury townhome located at Prominence North 30A, in Rosemary Beach, Florida. Privately owned by David and Mary Anne Harris and available to friends and family only, this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome sleeps six with bikes and a golf cart included.

Located on Highway 30A between Seagrove and Alys Beach, Prominence is a 30A community convenient to all of your favorite 30A places along the beautiful white beaches of South Walton. This well-planned community features incredible amenities such as two beautiful resort-style pools, community grills, fitness center, a bustling town center, open green spaces, and easy access to over 20 miles of bike and hiking paths. Good for 2024 and 2025 with some blackout dates.



*Generously donated by David and Mary Anne Harris*



# Collection of Bill's Favorites

Bill Fralic was an avid wine collector with 100's of bottles in his collection. Many of his wines were hand-picked for him by fellow NFL football player and longtime friend Chris Hinton. Bill also loved his English Bulldogs, Daisy and Charlie, and was an amazing friend to Georgia English Bulldog Rescue for many years before he passed away.

For tonight's auction, Susan Fralic has selected the following wines all in their original wood boxes:

6 bottles of 2009 Dominus Estate Red Blend

6 bottles of 2005 Tenuta Sette Ponti Oreno Red Blend

One 1.5 Liter Magnum 2006 Bodegas Muga Prado Enea Gran Reserva

12 bottles of 2000 Rocche dei Manzoni  
"Vigna d'la Roul" Barolo

*Generously donated by Susan Fralic*





# Mexico Beach Resort Getaway

**7-Night Stay For 2 Adults and 2 Children (under age 12)  
in a Master Room at one of the following 4-Diamond Resorts**

## Vidanta Nuevo Nayarit-Vallarta

Named as one of the Top Hotels in Mexico and Top Hotels in the World by Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards, Vidanta Nuevo Nayarit-Vallarta offers the ultimate resort vacation. This expansive destination provides a high-end experience full of options, including endless restaurants and lounges, three golf courses and a golf academy, a shopping plaza, and entertainment plaza, two indulgent spas, countless pools, and the all-new Beachland.



## Vidanta Riviera Maya

Named as one of the Top 5 hotels in Eastern Mexico by Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards, Vidanta Riviera Maya is an experience like no other. Guests can explore over 1000 acres of paradise, dotted with pristine pools and bordered by magnificent beach, 15 world-class bars and restaurants, a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, lavish spa services, and fantastic entertainment.



## Vidanta Acapulco

Vidanta Acapulco is the perfect place for romantic getaways and family vacations alike. Experience a mile of beachfront, immaculate pools, thriving culture and nightlife, and—of course—the best service in Mexico.



*This is a members-only resort collection.*

*No blackout dates, but all reservations subject to availability. Hotel/Resort fees (average \$259 per stay) and tax (\$11-\$12 per day) apply. 12 months to redeem, 24 months to travel from the date of purchased. Airfare and ground transportation not included.*

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In memory of Sarge





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*Falling in love with a Bulldog is easy - just ask longtime Georgia English Bulldog Rescue (GEBR) supporters Jeff and Alice Jones. Bulldogs are affectionate, form strong bonds with their families, and are excellent companions, which made Thanos a perfect addition to the Jones family.*

*Thanos was adopted many years ago, and has been spoiled ever since. He even spends time at Ad Victoriam, founded by Jeff Jones, spreading love to the entire team.*

*Thank you to GEBR for your dedication to saving bulldogs!*

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