

Duke's Birthday Party at SWOSU

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Duke is having a birthday party at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, and everyone is invited.

SWOSU's live Bulldog mascot is turning 2 years old and the SWOSU Alumni Association office is hosting a party this Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center lawn.

Brandi Gateley of the association said there will be cake and ice cream for everyone. Gateley said attendees can feel free to bring Duke a gift, however they are not necessary. Gift ideas include chew toys and bones.

The SWOSU Alumni Association purchased Duke this past spring. The bulldog will serve as mascot at various events on the SWOSU campuses in Weatherford and Sayre. The association is not changing the name of Brandy on the costumed dog that appears at various athletic events and the big plastic Bulldog that sits on the SWOSU campus. The only change is the name of the live Bulldog.

Duke is officially recorded a "Champion" by the American Kennel Club.

Duke does have an appointment calendar that is handled by the SWOSU Alumni Association office. Duke is scheduled to make a few guest appearances this summer, but his schedule will be much busier this fall when the majority of SWOSU students come back for the 2007 fall semester.