



Bully Bark!

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Greetings from Bama Bully Rescue!

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Yesterday, I received an email offering free puppies from a stray that gave birth in a farm barn. It is that time of year when the birds are singing, flowers are blooming and puppies drop from heaven into someone's lap. These puppies happen to be Great Pyrenees mixes, absolutely snow white and adorable. I considered the pictures and thought about the prospective homes for these cute little dogs offered via email. They would not remain small for long, soon growing into very large dogs. And indeed, what kind of homes would they have? That is unknown and a risk in the giving away of unwanted puppies. And it is true across the state regardless of breed.

Then I opened Yahoo today and there in bold letters was an article about Michael Vick, the imprisoned and disgraced pro-football quarterback. For the time being, he is doing time in federal prison for being the financier of a dog fighting ring. He thinks he is worth \$10 million a year according to his bankruptcy records. That is, if he can find a team that is willing to fight the uphill battle of a public relations nightmare that is bound to ensue. That reminded me of the Sports Illustrated article regarding the happy endings of the majority of the pit bulls that came out of his dog fighting schemes. It is an article worth reading if you can locate the December 29, 2008 issue.

We are going to be featuring our very own happy endings throughout this year beginning with this issue of the Bully Bark! There is something about re-homing an animal that is pleasing to a volunteer. BBR is continually bombarded with pleas for help for pit bulls. We wish we could be of a help to all who ask but the truth is that we are always shy of just one more foster home to place a frightened and unwanted dog that deserves a shot at a happy life.

With the downturn in the economy, it would be a safe bet to state that all rescues are suffering from a drying up of finances from a reduction in donations. Add to that an increase in the number of unwanted or stray bullies, and BBR cannot help as much as we would like.

So, if you are able and want to make a difference, make a donation to the charity of your choice. We would hope that is BBR!

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Rescue**

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EVENTS

Hey Bully lovers! It's the time of year for our first fundraising yard sale on April 19. Meet us at the Vestavia Texaco, at 1487 Montgomery Highway, near I-65.

We'll be there selling typical yard sale items from 7am until noon or later. Its a great opportunity to meet the Bama Bully Volunteers, raise money for needy dogs and find great deals on clothes, household items, electronics and gag gifts.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact garland@bamabully.org if you'd like to make a donation of items for our yard sale-

We'll take anything!

Remember, Bama Bully Rescue is looking for more volunteers to help us help bullies. Most of all the work is done on the internet with a few hours of effort each week.

Contact Crystal@bamabully.org for more information.

Melinda Dalke Art

Melinda Dalke is a Naive Style Artist who is a founding member of Art Helping Animals. A portion of the sale of the featured artwork you see presented here will go to the benefit of BBR! If you are interested in purchasing this piece of art or would like more info, please contact Melinda at dayleemojoarts@earthlink.net



Red Bully Dog Mosaic

by Melinda and Eric Dalke

Medium-Mixed Media Framed Mosaic
Size-Framed 7 7/8 x 8 7/8 inches

A Red American Pit Bull Terrier Mosaic-made from polymer clay tiles, jewelry, beads and a original sculpture. This art is in a recycled gold toned wood frame and is Ready to Hang.

20% Donation to Bama Bully Rescue.

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=370179146095#ebayphotohosting>

Happy Endings!



Evita with her "Stump"!

Hi,
Just wanted to let you know everything is going well with Evita. Cooper and Evita are now perfectly fine together. Getting a picture of them together hasn't really worked so far. They are usually running around playing. I walk them together every afternoon when I get home from work. They love their walk. She picks up a stick on every walk and carries it in her mouth the whole time then drops it in the front yard when we get home. Last night she grabbed a, well I don't know exactly what to call it. It looked more like a small stump from a tree.

She carried that thing the whole walk. She dropped it a few times then stopped and picked it up. We were laughing at her the whole time, as well as all the cars who passed by her. They would actually slow down to see what she had. They all smiled. She really looked pretty silly. I got a picture of her holding it. I am attaching it so you can see it. Her and Peaches are still doing well together. They love to play.

I bought her a new squeaky ball. That's her favorite toy for now. She will squeak that thing non stop. Sometimes we have to switch it for a quieter toy.

I took her to the vet to check her weight so I could get her heart worm pills. She is now 23 pounds.

She is doing so well with the cats at home. Even the one at the vets office. She just went up to the kennel and stuck her nose up to the door to say hi.

She plays most of the day with the other dogs in between naps. Then when I get home from work we take a walk, then back home to play some more, then dinner, then more play, then bed. She sleeps with my daughter Megan at night. In the morning it's outside for potty, then more play. She gets a few hours in the kennel in the morning when I leave for work then Kaley wakes up and takes her out. Then more play.

Peaches has learned to jump the fence so this weekend I am putting up a wooden fence around the one side of the yard that didn't have one. I will feel more secure about them being outside then. They never are though unless someone is home.

Just wanted to give you a quick update.

Pam

BBR February Volunteer Statistics

- Reviewed 5 Adoption Applications
- Approved 2 Adoption Applications
- Approved 0 Foster Applications

The BBR Store

Have you checked out the “official” Bama Bully Rescue store with apparel for those who are loving and responsible dog owners? The store has been opened for a while. Make sure you check it often because we have plenty of new designs on the way! Proceeds from each sale will go to the benefit of the BBR Bullies.

You can visit the store by visiting: <http://www.cafepress.com/bamabully>

Make sure to tell a friend!

This t-shirt blunty lets the world know that the only use for balls for dogs is for fetching!



The 2009 Bama Bully Rescue, Inc. Calendar

Have you gotten your 2009 Bama Bully Rescue calendar yet? There are some really gorgeous Bullies featured on this calendar. We are sure that you will enjoy the Bully pictured in each month!

The cost of the 2009 Bama Bully Rescue calendar is \$17.99 and the proceeds will go to benefit the dogs of Bama Bully Rescue who are looking for their forever homes.

Please visit <http://www.cafepress.com/bamabully> to get your calendar today.

The bullies we save thank you!!

Bully for You!



**Remember Tucker?
Your past donations
turned a frightened
gaunt fellow at the
left into a fine
looking happy guy at
the right!**



Tucker is a 1-2 year old blue brindle male Pit Bull. He was picked up as a stray by an animal control officer and taken to a local shelter where he was scheduled to be euthanized because of his breed. He was emaciated and only weighed 23 lbs.

Tucker has beautiful, expressive eyes that match his coat perfectly. He now lives in a foster home with 3 other dogs, 2 cats and a ferret, a guinea pig and a gerbil- and he gets along well with all of them. He loves to run and play and loves his toys and to play tug of war. He is a mid energy level dog. He likes to run a few laps around the yard but always settles down on his own to chew on a stick or comes back when he is called. He is often playful inside but rarely rowdy. Tucker is a bit of a toy thief so he would not do well in a home with another dog that does not like to share toys.

Tucker can be a bit shy and fearful at first, especially with larger dogs but quickly warms up. He would do best in a home with someone that understands what he has been through and is willing and able work with him on increasing his confidence and learning that no one will ever treat him badly again.

Tucker had a rough start to life but has adjusted well to being spoiled in his new foster home. He is now up to 49.5 lbs and is getting more and more self confident. He is crate trained and loves his crate almost as much as he loves the couch. Baths aren't Tucker's favorite thing but he tolerates them well. He does not like being tied to anything, so he probably would not do well on a cable run. He also likes to always have someone in sight and is afraid to be left alone while he is outside. He sits and downs on cue and walks well on a leash. He has a great recall and is very affectionate.

Tucker is slightly fearful of sudden loud sounds but recovers quickly to go investigate. He doesn't seem to mind constant sounds such as thunderstorms or the vacuum. Although he does seem to be afraid of vehicles, he rides well in a car but will not get in one on his own.

Tucker is working on becoming reliably housetrained. He does well but occasionally has an accident. He must be taken out immediately after he eats. He is learning to go to the door when he needs to go out. Tucker still needs some work on not jumping and mouthing. He just is so happy to finally have someone that loves him, he can't resist to jump up and give you a kiss.

Tucker is up to date on shots, neutered and microchipped with 24 hour pet watch.

Fill out an application at

<http://fs10.formsite.com/bamabullyrescue/form884759186/index.html>



Guinness: An appeal for Funds

My goodness, my Guinness! This gorgeous blue and white boy was allowed to roam loose by his owners, was picked up and taken to the shelter where the owners picked him up. . In January, Guinness was allowed to wander again and someone called animal control to pick him up. When AC arrived, Guinness was being attacked by a Cocker

spaniel. Back at the shelter he quickly became a staff favorite and BBR was summoned to his rescue. Guinness has been in a foster home for about a month and has proven to be a very stable, laid back boy, estimated at about 4 years. He loves other dogs, loves human attention and is learning home life and manners. Guinness has a problem, though. He is heavily infested with heartworms and needs treatment to get well and then will need to be neutered. He's a deserving boy and we are asking for your help to make this happen and free this boy's big heart from those nasty parasites. Thanks to Dr. Roxy Leslie at Village Animal Clinic in Mobile, AL we have been given a huge break on the cost however we still need to raise the \$400 to cover the heartworm treatment costs. Please consider donating any amount at <http://www.bamabully.org/donate.htm> so we can get this boy healthy and ready for a forever home!

Bama Bully Rescue, Inc

Our Mission:

Bama Bully Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit, 501c3 organization located in Alabama that works with shelters and the public in finding homes for Pit Bulls that have been abandoned, abused, neglected, or fallen victim to other situations in their lives.

Rescue:

Our group exists to rescue unwanted bullies and power breeds in shelters, found as strays or who must be relinquished by their owners, through no fault of their own.

Re-Home:

Adoptable dogs will be placed for adoption into carefully screened, loving homes. All dogs adopted with a BBR contract will be thoroughly evaluated for behavioral issues. All dogs will be up to date on vaccines and spay or neutered before placement.

Educate & Support:

Bama Bully Rescue strives to educate the public about the true nature of bully breeds. We encourage responsible dog ownership, proper care, socialization and training. We are available at any time to lend advice and support regarding any aspect of responsible dog ownership.

Would you like to donate? Donations are tax-deductible and are extremely appreciated. Visit our website at www.BamaBully.org to donate online or send your check to Bama Bully Rescue, Inc., PO Box 189, Alabaster, AL 35007

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