



# Bully Bark!

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## Greetings from Bama Bully Rescue!

By: Rick Stokes, Volunteer and NL Editor

**F**requently, I get asked, "Mister, is that a pit bull?", when people look at Pumpkin, my American Bulldog/pittie mix when we are out on a walk. It gives me a chance to talk about the plight of the American Pit Bull Terrier. The media has done so much to stereotype the dog breed as simply being vicious or as man eaters. Yes, unhappily, there are a few bad dogs out there. Worse yet, there are bad owners of a few bad dogs out there.

Yet, I recently got a email from a lady here in Huntsville who has had dogs her whole life. In a letter to me, she was asking for help with a young pit stray, perhaps finding its original home or a new home. In subsequent email to me, she admitted some surprise at what she discovers.

I am going to take the liberty to repeat some of her email here for your reading pleasure. She said, "...Every single one of our friends who has seen him so far has been met with the same open friendliness that he shows me, but he clearly claims me as "his." Flops down right beside me, as close as he can meld his whole back to my leg, and then flops that big ol' square head right over my thigh, baring his throat backwards and gives me this goofy, utterly charming, big, broad smile while looking up at me."

She continues, "I really, truly do not know what to do. In all my years of dog ownership (my whole life) I have NEVER had a stray animal just "appear" in my yard (I never even saw or heard him walk up . . . he was just standing there . . .) and form an instant connection to me. It's frankly a little bit unnerving." Continuing in the email, she did her own temperament tests with treats ending with this description, "He just waited patiently until I said "okay," and then took it as daintily as a teacup poodle."

I wrote her back and told her she is finding out about the true nature of the breed.

How About you? Perhaps you have a nice story about your pittie that you would like to share with our readers? Write us at:

[mail@bamabully.org](mailto:mail@bamabully.org)

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## Yard Sale on May 9

**WOW!** BBR's first Yard Sale last month raised over \$250!

So, Bully Lovers, if you missed that one, here's your chance!  
We are going to have another yard sale on May 9  
at the Vestavia Texaco, at 1487 Montgomery Highway, near I-65.

We have a storage unit full of typical yard sale items that we are bringing to the Texaco. The sale will be from 7am until 1 pm or later.

Its another 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.

**WANTED:** LONELY AND SWEET BULLY RESCUE SEEKING SOME GOOD INDIVIDUALS FOR LTR IN SAVING PITTIES. MUST BE A CARING PERSON.

Contact [Crystal@bamabully.org](mailto: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 these pieces of art or would like more info, please contact Melinda at [dayleemojoarts@earthlink.net](mailto:dayleemojoarts@earthlink.net)



Kiss My Pit  
Pendent  
(left)

Puppy Bark  
Pendent  
(right)



Have you been WAGGLETAGGED yet??



Click on the above image to check out some of the most unique Pet ID tags as well as tags for the whole family! Each item sold from our Waggletag link means a donation to BBR!!



### Guinness Needs Heartworm Treatment!

This very deserving boy was allowed to roam loose, was picked up by animal control and returned to his owners. He later was reported roaming loose again and animal control was called. Animal control arrived to find him being attacked by a Cocker Spaniel. Guinness was taken to a shelter in Gadsden (which is not exactly a pit bull friendly town) but this time his owners did not come to get him

Guinness quickly became a staff favorite and Bama Bully Rescue was able to get him out of there. BBR landed him a great foster home and in the past month, Guinness has proven to be an exceptionally good-natured bully and he loves people (kids, too) and other dogs. He's learning manners, enjoys his crate and is proving to be an all-around cool guy.

He is what many would consider an American Bully, or a "wide 'n low" type pit bull. We estimate that he is about 3-4 years old. He is a massive boy, with a head so tremendous we expect him to tip forward any minute! He's striking with expressive eyes and a blur of a tail. ;) He's a squishy boy who will never experience anything less than a fabulous life from here on out. No more running the roads for this love.

Guinness was riddled with medical issues and the minor stuff has been taken care of. But we do need help to get him completely healthy. He has a heavy load of heartworms and he gets winded easy. Guinness has started initial treatment and our veterinarian has been gracious enough to allow BBR to make payments on his treatment as we go. The cost is estimated at \$400.00.

Once he is free of those nasty heartworms we will have him neutered which will run about \$200.

So...BBR is begging for help to cover Guinness' vet bills and he certainly is worth it! Any amount is greatly appreciated and will allow us to take care of his needs and continue to help other needy dogs.

<http://www.fundable.com/groupactions/groupaction.2009-04-27.0009546219>

## The 2009 Bama Bully Rescue, Inc. Calendar

Yes, we are still offering the 2009 Bama Bully Rescue calendars!  
We are sure that you will enjoy the Bully pictured in each month!

The 2009 Bama Bully Rescue calendar is now REDUCED to \$15.99

Proceeds go to benefit the dogs of Bama Bully Rescue.  
Please visit <http://www.cafepress.com/bamabully> to get your calendar  
today.

## The BBR Store

Do you want to show how you feel about your bully?

Responsible dog owners can visit the Bama Bully Rescue to check out the different  
apparel that we offer! Proceeds from each sale will go to the benefit of the BBR Bullies.

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

This tanktop is perfect for all of us who share our hearts and homes with more than one  
Bully. Whether you own a Pit Bull, Boxer, AmBull, Bulldog, or any other Bully breed, this  
design will cover all!

See it at <http://www.cafepress.com/bamabully.366563032>



## Bully for You!

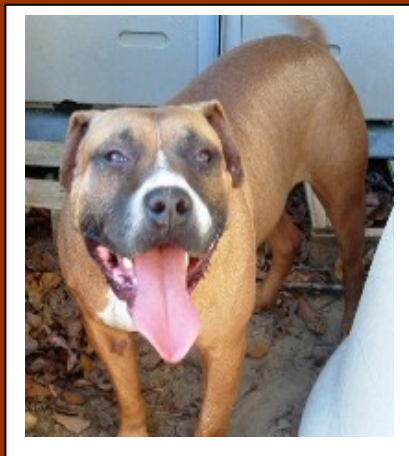
Remember **Tig** (right), from the last NL? Someone special stepped up to foster him which saved his life. He is a 1 year old American Bulldog with a huge heart is content in practically any situation, from the park to the car or the pet store. He lives currently with two other dogs and gets along great with them. He loves to meet new people and dogs. Affection is his number one priority, so his adopter will need to spend a lot of time loving him! Your lap will probably be his seat of choice.



Tig is great with kids, and actually really seems to enjoy being around them. He has a really laid back attitude and is a low-energy guy, so even small children would be fine with him.

Training has come easily with him and he is quickly learning commands every day. So far he has learned sit, stay, down, and 'stay on your spot' reliably, and although he prefers a treat reward he is getting better about responding without them. He has done well with crate-training, and leash-walking is easy with him as well. He enjoys short walks, and won't pull unless he sees a bird or squirrel. His prey drive is pretty strong, so he probably wouldn't do well in a home with cats. Tig will need an owner that will give him gentle leadership, since he can get scared easily if you.

Anyone will be lucky to have this guy as a part of their family! It will be hard for you not to fall in love as soon as you meet him. Click on Tig's picture at the top right to adopt Tig.



**Cole**, at left, is a four-five year old male Bulldog mix that was found and brought to us by an animal loving couple horrified at what they had found. Cole is an extreme example of how bad an imbedded collar can be.

This very sweet dog wagged his tail the entire time as a nylon collar was cut out of his neck. Tough little guy rallied and has healed wonderfully. Cole is one of those happy boys whose entire body wiggles and who will beat you silly with his tail. But this short guy is as solid as he can be and needs a home that is up for his energy and strength.

Cole absolutely loves everyone, but can be aggressive with other dogs and does really want to go after cats so will be best in a home where he is the only pet. As we feel that Cole lived his previous life on a chain, a good fence is a requirement and he stays in a fence just fine. He is a fiend at playing with toys and balls all by himself, but don't expect him to retrieve.

So while he loves children, it would be best for him to not go to a home with small children. Cole is neutered, around 60 lbs, heartworm negative and current on all of his vaccinations.

Cole is a BBR Courtesy Listing for the Humane Society of Elmore County, Inc. His adoption fee is \$95 and you must be willing to work with them on a home check, vet reference, etc. Contact Rea Cord, Director, Humane Society of Elmore County, Inc. 255 Central Plank Road Wetumpka, AL 36092 Ph: 334-567-3377

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **-Do Dah Day 2009-**

Do Dah Day will be held on Saturday May 16, 2009 in Rhodes and Caldwell parks, located between the 2800 and 3100 blocks of Highland Avenue South, on Birmingham's Southside. Please stop by our booth to visit! Visit <http://dodahday.org/> for more info. We hope to see you there!

## BBR March Volunteer Statistics

- Reviewed 10 Adoption Applications
- Approved 2 Adoption Applications
- Approved 2 Foster Applications

## 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](http://www.BamaBully.org) to donate online or send your check to:

Bama Bully Rescue, Inc., PO Box 241002, Montgomery, AL 36124

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