



Bully Bark!

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National Pit Bull Awareness Day

Pup-a-ween observing National Pit Bull Awareness Day

Where: Rushton Park. Southside, Birmingham, AL
When: Saturday, October 23 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
www.blessthebulls.com

Join Bama Bully Rescue, Birmingham Jefferson Animal Control and other like minded Pit Bull owners for Birmingham's First Annual National Pit Bull Awareness Day. We will be hosting a number of dog friendly events along with a pet halloween costume contest. This event will be partnered with the BJCACs Pup-a-ween event this year.

The National Pit Bull Awareness campaign is a nationwide effort to bring positive awareness and attention to the American Pit Bull Terrier and their responsible owners.

To anyone who shares their life with a "pit bull," the need for a national day of awareness for these misunderstood dogs is clear. Constant negative media attention and sensationalized hype that surrounds pit bulls has the breed in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. The media and public have stereotyped and judged an entire group of dogs, as well as their owners, based on the actions of a few.

National Pit Bull Awareness Day was established as a day to educate and foster positive communications and experiences in the communities in which we and our dogs live. It is a day to focus on these incredible dogs and their devoted, responsible owners. A day to change perceptions and stereotypes.

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After three years, National Pit Bull Awareness Day is stronger than ever because of devoted pit bull advocates across the country!

To learn more about National Pit Bull Awareness Day and the history of the event please visit www.blessthebulls.com

CONFIRMED: There will be CGC testing at this event for \$10 per dog. You can also get a \$2 "practice session" before testing if you'd like. Don't forget BBR can receive \$150 for any bully or bully mix that passes their CGC test in Alabama!

Puppaween Sponsor

Bama Bully Rescue would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all of our 2010 Puppaween Sponsors!

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Thank You!

Thank You to all of you who has helped us this year during event season! We love to always have a helping hand and could not do it all without you!! If you see any future events in your area that BBR is attending that you would like to volunteer at please let us know.

PUPPAWEEN 2010

OBSERVING NATIONAL PIT BULL AWARENESS DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
1:00PM - 4:00PM

RUSHTON PARK.
SOUTHSIDE, BIRMINGHAM, AL

(DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM ROJO
2921 HIGHLAND AVE S BIRMINGHAM, AL 35205-1901)

JOIN BAMA BULLY RESCUE, BIRMINGHAM JEFFERSON ANIMAL CONTROL AND OTHER LIKE MINDED PIT BULL OWNERS FOR BIRMINGHAM'S FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL PIT BULL AWARENESS DAY. DRESS YOUR DOGS UP FOR PUPPAWEEN AND COME OUT TO THE PARK FOR A DAY OF GAMES, COSTUMES, AND ALL THINGS DOG! (ALL FRIENDLY, LEASHED DOGS WELCOME)



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL PIT BULL AWARENESS DAY AND THE HISTORY OF THE EVENT PLEASE VISIT WWW.BLESSTHEBULLYS.COM

Upcoming Events

Join Bama Bully at a Event near You!!

October Events

Pet-A-Palooza

Where: Veteran's Park in Hoover on Valleydale Rd
When: Saturday, October 30 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
<http://www.hooveral.org/Default.asp?ID=788>

Lots of activities including: Kids fun zone; Look-a-Like pet contest; Cutest dog contest; Rescues and Runways; Blessing of the Pets; Ugliest Dog Contest; Best Costume CONtest; Silent Auction.....just to name a few ;)

Bring your chairs, your family and your well mannered, leashed dogs and have a great time!! Costumes welcomed and encouraged ;)

Oktoberfest

Where: Moody, AL City Park
When: Saturday, October 30 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Hoover Hayride & Family Night

Where: Veteran's Park in Hoover on Valleydale Rd
When: Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

This event, free to the public, will feature hayrides around the park, Hocus Pocus and Casper movies will be shown on the big screen and Little Caesars will provide pizza for everyone!! We encourage the children to dress in their favorite costumes and bring their buckets to gather candy!

November Events

Bully Booth at Third Annual Southminster Mutt Show

Where: Hank Aaron Stadium, Gaslight Square
When: Saturday, November 6th 9:30am - 5:30pm
<http://www.mobilespca.org/>

Adopt Sully



My foster dog is Sully. Before I took him into my home and named him, BBR was calling him "Mr. Awesome" and that is definitely a good description of him! He is an approximately 1 year old pit bull mix. He is tan and white and has caramel-colored eyes that almost perfectly match his coat. He weighs about 35 lbs. and should not get much bigger, although he may put on a little bit of weight. When BBR pulled him from BJCAC, he had tested positive for heartworms. Sully has finished his heartworm treatment and is recovering nicely. He still needs to have his neuter surgery and then he should have a clean bill of health and be ready for adoption. Sully has the sweetest temperament. I have three other dogs in my home (a female Rottweiler mix, male Catahoula leopard dog mix and a female toy poodle) and Sully gets along well with all of them. He has shown no aggression towards them and no aggression with food.

He was alright with my cat at first, but he did try to chase Cooper at one point, so I don't think I would recommend him for a home with cats. I have not had Sully around children for long periods of time yet. He has been exposed to children at the doggy day-care where he boards when I am out of town and also at my vet's office and he was gentle with them. I think he would be fine with kids, but I would like to have him spend more time around them before making a final determination.

Sully hasn't been allowed to be that active due to his heartworm treatment, but I would say that his energy level is medium. Because of the treatment, he has had to spend a lot of time crated, and he is OK with that as long as he gets his treats! I do let him either sleep in the bed with me or on a bed beside mine at night. He really wants to be close to me all the time. Being an intact male, he does have some issues with marking in the house, but I think the neuter surgery will go a long way towards stopping that. On the whole, the crate training has done a great job of letting him know that he needs to do his "business" outside! Sully knows "sit" and he is just so eager to please that I believe any further obedience training will be a cinch for him. He is just an all-around great dog.



- Foster Mom

Halloween Safety Tips

No Scaredy Cats This Halloween: Top 10 Safety Tips for Pet Parents

From ASPCA.org



Attention, animal lovers, it's almost the spookiest night of the year! The ASPCA recommends taking some common sense precautions this Halloween to keep you and your pet saying "trick or treat!" all the way to November 1.

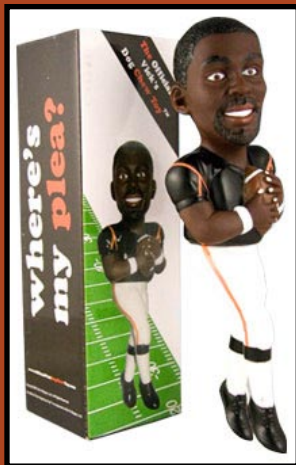
1. No tricks, no treats: That bowl of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats. Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also cause problems. If you do suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.
2. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic, but they can produce stomach upset in pets who nibble on them.
3. Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations should be kept out of reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet might suffer cuts or burns, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.
4. A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but do exercise caution if you choose to add a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned or singed by candle flames.
5. Dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Please don't put your dog or cat in a costume UNLESS you know he or she loves it (yup, a few pets are real hams!). For pets who prefer their "birthday suits," however, wearing a costume may cause undue stress.
6. If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement or hearing, or impede his ability to breathe, bark or meow. Also, be sure to try on costumes before the big night. If your pet seems distressed, allergic or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting him go au naturale or donning a festive bandana.
7. Take a closer look at your pet's costume and make sure it does not have small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that he could choke on. Also, ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury.
8. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from

the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.

9. When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.

10. IDs, please! Always make sure your dog or cat has proper identification. If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver, increasing the chances that he or she will be returned to you

The Official Vick Dog Chew Toy Donating with a Purpose



The Official Vick Dog Chew Toy is barking as loud as we can! Register today and make a difference for the dogs! The Official Vick Dog Chew Toy Give Away is donating chew toys to registered animal rescue, humane society, and animal shelter making a difference.

Vote for Bama Bully at

<http://www.officialvickdogchewtoy.com/giveaway.html>

Each week help our foster dogs receive a new toy!

VOTE for BBR!

BBR is running to win the
Petfinder.com
Rescue Site Shelter Challenge!



<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces?siteId=3>

Art Helping Animals

Art Helping Animals is a group of professional artists who have come together from different areas of the world with one purpose in mind, to help homeless animals through the efforts of our individual creativity.

A percentage of sales, as determined by each artist, is donated to BBR!



Red Dog Daze
By Cori Solomon

Created in the style of a German Expressionist Print this framed Monotype depicts a Vizsla and is accented with pastels.

Please visit the link below for information on how to purchase.

<http://arthelpinganimals.blogspot.com/search/label/Charity%3A%20%20BAMA%20BULLY>

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Bama Bully Rescue, Inc

Our Mission:

Bama Bully Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization located in Alabama that works with shelters and the public in finding homes for Pit Bulls and "Bully breeds" that have been abandoned, abused, neglected, or fallen victim to other situations in their lives. "Bully breeds" helped by BBR may be: American Pit Bull Terriers, American Bulldogs, Mastiffs, Boxers, and some "Bully breed" mixes. BBR strives to educate the public about the true nature of such breeds and encourages responsible ownership by offering training, behavioral and health care advice in hopes to decrease the number of Bullies that would, without such support, be relinquished.

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.

Volunteers:

Bama Bully Rescue is a volunteer run organization and is always looking for individuals that share our passion for helping the unwanted bullies and power breeds in our state. All is needed is some time available and internet accessibility. If you are such an individual who has some time available, contact volunteer@bamabully.org

Foster Homes:

Bama Bully Rescue does not have a central facility and relies totally on individuals to foster and socialize unwanted bullies and power breeds. The dogs we accept into our program are temperament tested, evaluated and vetted. Our rescue is always hampered by the lack of interested and caring foster homes. If you feel that you care enough to help us save dogs, please go to our website at <http://www.bamabully.org/foster.html> to read more about what fostering is about. There you will find a link to fill out a foster application.

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 241002, Montgomery, AL 36124

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