



Bully Bark!

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A BIG Thanks!

Thank you to ALL Bama Bully Rescue Supporters - foster homes, those who donated supplies, those who helped financially, adopters, those who spread the word, and anyone who helped us out.

With your help, we were able to save a total of 27 dogs from shelters in Alabama, and had a total of 26 dogs adopted in 2010!

We can't do it without you. A huge thanks to everyone, and may 2011 be even better!

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Adopt Aria



Meet Aria, aka BIG MAMA.

This gal is a big ole 80 pound lap dog. She loves everyone she meets, adults and children, so much so that if someone had the time she would make an excellent therapy dog.....She is a laid back girl who doesn't get in a hurry about much and seems to just be happy with life.

Before coming into rescue, Aria was a puppy factory, there is no telling how many litters of pups this poor girl has had. As a result, she tends to mother most dogs.....so if she has a doggy companion it will need to be one that will put up with such antics.

She doesn't have an aggressive bone in her body and has done well around other dogs and has no problem being around cats, she really has NO prey drive whatsoever.

We have also discovered that Aria is mostly deaf, she can hear certain things but human voices isn't one of them.....so that would need to be taken into consideration when communicating with her. I've found that a flashlight works well to get her attention when she isn't looking at me.

So if you're looking for a laid back, big lug of a companion, then Aria might be the girl for you ;)

For more information on Aria and to fill out an adoption application please visit www.bamabully.org

Skylar

By Richard Burgess

It is a sad time for all of us at Bama Bully Rescue. We have recently lost a friend and companion who was very close to our hearts. For those of you who follow us regularly you know that last February we received a call about a couple of abandoned and neglected pups in the Phoenix City area of Alabama. Upon arrival in Phoenix city I was blown away at what was standing before me. All of the thoughts running through my head on the way down could never have prepared me for what I was looking at. The two pups (later dubbed the Phoenix City Mange Monsters) were completely covered in open sores. Their little feet were bleeding with every step and the pain they were in was unthinkable. They were left to die. I immediately realized the severity of the situation and upon loading them in the car started making the proper calls to make something happen. On the 3 hour trip back Bama Bully Volunteers, friends and vets were all making preparations to get these dogs stable and taken care of. The outpouring of help was overwhelming. Both of the dogs Quinn and Skylar immediately went into foster care where they began to heal and blossom into the beautiful animals they deserved to be. Skylar was eventually adopted to a home in Mississippi where she began her new life of happiness and love every second of every day. She came back to Birmingham to participate in several events over the year where she was loved by everyone she met. Skylar just had a way about her that demanded your love and affection and believe me, she had plenty to give in return. We recently lost Skylar to an accident beyond any one's control. She lived her last days a very happy dog. The loss of this sweet little girl has definitely affected everyone who had ever had the pleasure of meeting her. All we can do is think of all the good times we shared with her. If not for the overwhelming outpouring of affection and help she would not have made it. We owe a great deal of gratitude to everyone who made saving her a possibility. I am confident that she is running with the pack just this side of the Rainbow Bridge waiting on us all. Rest In Peace sweet Skylar. You loved with all your heart and you will always have a special place in all of ours.



R.I.P Sweet Skylar

Winter Weather

By Richard Burgess

Winter Weather Is Upon Us. Do you know the proper steps to take to keep you companion animals comfortable during the winter months? First and foremost we at Bama Bully Rescue strongly believe that all of your pets should be kept inside. Below are listed some tips and guidelines to make the winter months as comfortable as possible for your furry friends.

1. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snow storm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
2. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
3. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
4. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
5. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
6. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.
7. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol

8. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

Lets do our part to make sure our furry little friends have the best winter they can.

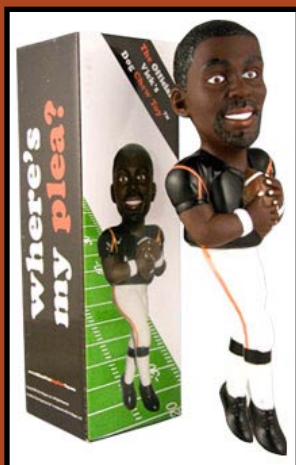
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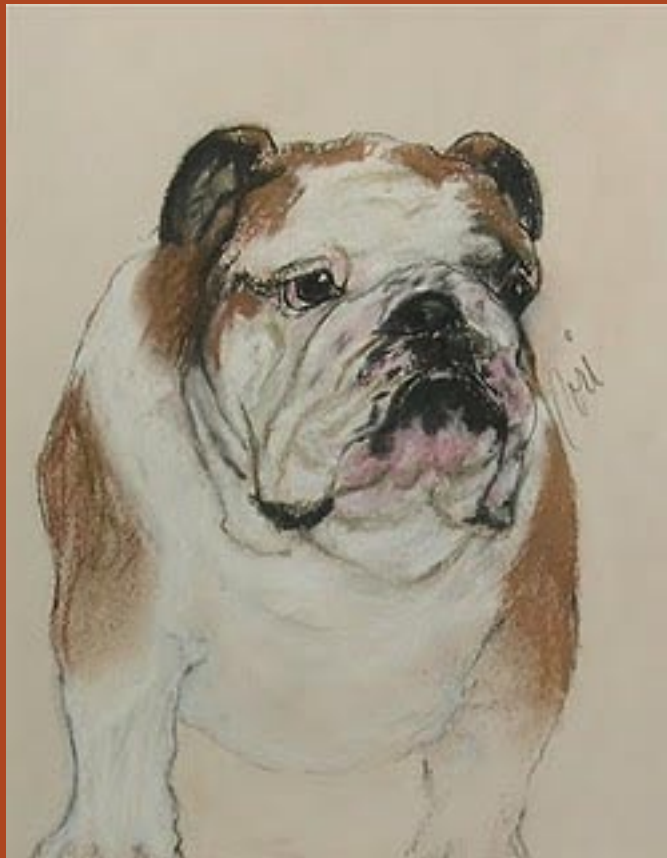
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Bama Bully Rescue, Inc

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.

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