



Bully Bark!

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Greetings from Bama Bully Rescue!

We regret being late this month, but with a key contributor, Jessica, being sick along with the timing of the holidays, we have had a double whammy. Join us in wishing Jessica to get well!

Becoming a BBR Volunteer

What does it take to be a full time volunteer?

We won't kid you. Being a full time volunteer takes a lot of time and work, but those of us who do it wouldn't give it up for the world! We handle large volumes of e-mail traffic (including general rescue business, owner surrenders, pleas for help, requests for information, etc.), talk to people on the phone, screen applications, work on special projects, evaluate dogs, fund raise, and attend events. Some of us also foster dogs.

You should only consider applying to become a full time volunteer if you are serious about taking on the workload. If you can't help out full time, don't worry, there are plenty of other ways to help!

I can't foster or volunteer full time, but I still want to help. What can I do?

- 🐾 Organize and attend an event
- 🐾 Drive a transport
- 🐾 Do a home visit
- 🐾 Screen applications (we teach you how)
- 🐾 Check a vet reference
- 🐾 Investigate a product
- 🐾 Print brochures/handouts
- 🐾 Hold a fundraiser
- 🐾 Create a spreadsheet or database
- 🐾 Organize an event
- 🐾 Walk a shelter dog
- 🐾 Respond to e-mails
- 🐾 Apply for grants and much, much more. It does not take much time to do something to help Bullies and BBR. Think about it and contact crystal@bamabully.org

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Bully for You!

Each Month, BBR will be showcasing our adoptable dogs. For December, Asa is our featured pup who is looking for his forever home.



Hi! My name is Asa. I weigh 51.2 lbs. I'm a ruffly 6-8 months old Pitbull mix (with BIG floppy ears). I was found Saturday (8/30/08) and I like to run, play ball and chew on rawhides.

I LOVE people! I want to be around someone all the time... probably because I've been alone most of my life. I like other dogs too! Especially ones that will play with me! I'm sure I'd be a GREAT companion for someone. I can devote a LOT of time towards it. I have a bunch of small scars all over me but don't let that fool you: I AM NOT a fighter or aggressive at all.

Asa was evaluated by a BBR volunteer and since being with his foster family for a while, we now know much more about him. Asa is a good looking boy with no issues with handling of his treats or food. He's learned to love being a house dog and is housetrained.

He gets along with the resident dogs with the exception of one of the other males. Asa will need to be adopted as an only dog, with a female or a meeting will need to be arranged to ensure a good match.

Asa is an easy keep and a smart guy! He'll respond very well to positive training and loves a lot of exercise, really likes going for long jogs. He's a very confident, assertive boy and will need clearly defined rules in his home.

Apply on-line at <http://www.bamabully.org/dogs.html>

Goodsearch and Goodshop!

In the last newsletter we introduced Goodsearch and Goodshop to everyone, and we just want to thank all those who have been using these tools to benefit BBR! We had a significant increase in searches and even purchases! With the holidays approaching (too fast it seems!), we wanted to bring it up again as a reminder for everyone as well as introducing it to our new readers.

Goodsearch.com is a great way for our rescue to earn a penny for every time you search the Internet during the holidays. I know, it sounds almost too easy right? The fact is that it is that easy! Goodsearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half of its advertising revenues, roughly a penny, to the charity that the user designates. It works just as any other search engine once you designate the charity that you want to help!

Another unique tool that you can use is Goodshop.com which is based off of Goodsearch. Goodshop is basically an online shopping mall with TONS of stores for you to choose from. Shop from these stores off of Goodshop.com and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our rescue as well! This is a great for the holiday season with many people turning to the Internet for holiday purchases. Another reason to try it out, the stores on Goodshop also offer Deals & Coupons exclusively for Goodshop users! While visiting this online shopping mall, you will also learn about new stores with products you didn't even know existed as well as seeing many familiar online stores that are probably already one of your favorites.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter Bama Bully Rescue as the charity you want to support. Once you have become familiar with the site, please remember to pass it on to your friends. The more we have utilizing this, the more donations earned to help the Bullies in our program!

Bully Friendly

This segment will become a part of our newsletter each month. It will include all things "Bully Friendly"!

This month, I'm covering a couple of very bully friendly toys.

- Kongs – Ask any bully (or big dog) owner about Kongs, and they'll tell you how much they love them. These toys are known for their durability and near-indestructibility. They also have a big "plus" in that they can be stuffed! Cheese, peanut butter, treats - you name it, it can probably be stuffed into a Kong for a yummy treat. Try freezing them with peanut butter inside, they'll last even longer! Kongs come in all shapes and sizes, good for small-large dogs, seniors, and puppies.
- Nylabones – These are one of my personal favorites. Made from a very durable material, it takes several weeks for my bullies to know the ends off of these bones, and it's very rare that they ever break a piece off. Once they have worn the ends down, it's time to throw them away and buy new ones. Nylabones come in durable, flexible, and edible styles. The durable are best for heavy chewers, as the flexible tend to demolish much faster and the edible obviously don't last very long. Be sure to watch for the bones to start getting wear and tear, as eventually they can begin to chip if they aren't replaced with newer ones.
- Buster Cubes – What a wonderful toy to stimulate your dog mentally and physically. As he/she rolls the ball around, the dry dog food that you've stuffed in will fall out. Dogs love this! It's a wonderful toy for mind and body exercise and a great way to keep them busy while you cook dinner.
- An old stuffed animal – ok, so stuffed animals aren't exactly bully friendly. But isn't it fun to watch them tear them apart? You will only get about 3-4 minutes of enjoyment from this and a big mess afterwards, but it's worth it! Be careful not to choose stuffed animals with buttons or eyes, and make sure to clean up all the fuzz before they start playing with it too!

Please e-mail Melinda@bamabully.org if you have any suggestions for next month's "bully friendly" segment!

BBR November Volunteer Statistics

- > Reviewed 14 Adoption Applications
- > Approved 1 Adoption Application
- > Approved 1 Foster Applications
- > Approved 0 new Volunteer Applications
- > Received 100+ pleas for help
- > Received \$225.00 in Adoption fees
- > Received \$87.00 in Donations

Upcoming Events

Join Animal Medical Center for free pictures with Santa at one of their 4 convenient locations.

Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit: Bama Bully Rescue, Southern Shih Tsu Rescue and Semper Fi Rescue. See below for dates and times:

Anniston - 719 Quintard Ave.

December 6 - 10AM to 3PM

December 7 - 10AM to 3PM

Oxford - 225 Plaza Lane (next to Wal-Mart)

December 13 - 1PM to 4PM

Lincoln - 275 Magnolia St. South

December 13 - 9AM to 12PM

Jacksonville - 1519 Pelham Rd South

November 28 - 2PM to 5PM

November 29 - 11AM to 2PM

December 5 - 2PM to 5PM

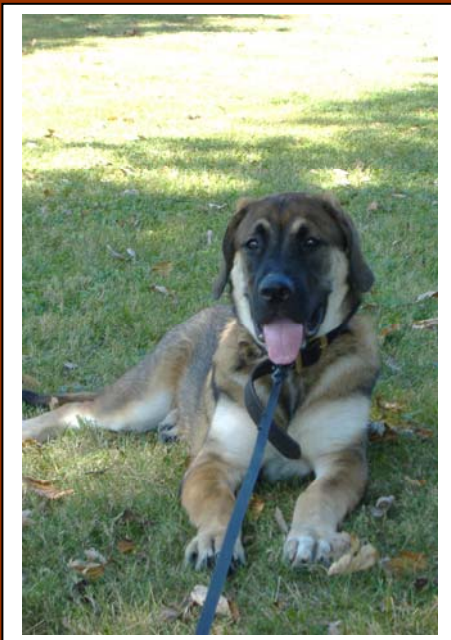
December 12 - 2PM to 5PM

**Tiny Tasks: BBR is looking for help in doing some small tasks.
Contact Crystal at crystal@bamabully.com**

Spotlight on Adoption!

Buju: Another BBR Success Story

Laurell and I had been looking for a pup to join our family for a few months before we saw the ad for Maggie and Motley's puppies. It was the first time we had heard of Bama Bully Rescue. After visiting the BBR website and viewing the photos of the puppies, we were very excited to meet the dogs. The website was very educational, and it really helped us learn more about Bully breeds. We also appreciated seeing the pictures of prior litters and other dogs that had already been adopted. These details let us know that BBR was a serious, stand-up operation.



After contacting BBR and expressing our interest in adopting a puppy, we were really impressed with how helpful and available they were to answer all of our questions. Jessica Hudson was especially helpful; she responded to all of our emails by the end of the day and posted as many puppy pictures as she possibly could in order to keep us updated. Once the initial application review was approved, we made the trek to Mobile to meet the pups! Jake bonded with Buju (then T-Bone) immediately. The next step was the home check, which is another aspect of BBR that shows how professional they are, and how much they really do care about these animals. Everyone we interacted with during the adoption process was extremely nice and full of helpful information. Once we were approved for adopting Buju, Jessica was able to make the drive to Auburn with a few of the pups in order for us to welcome Buju to our family.

Jessica Hudson gave us a ton of information on delicious doggy treats, positive dog training and good dog trainers who are close by us. We started training Buju immediately. He loved learning sit, down, stay, shake. He's also learned loose leash walking and is learning to distinguish his toys. Buju is now 8 1/2 months old and a big teddy bear. Although. He now weighs almost 100lbs, he is not at all aware of his size. He loves the water, especially if he's able to blow bubbles in it, and running around with other dogs. He really enjoys playing all types of other dogs both big and small. BBR made the adoption process flow very smoothly and we are very glad that we chose to adopt from Bama Bully Rescue.

BULLY FRIENDLY

In an effort to better serve bully owners in Alabama, we are trying to keep a current list of all the ways you can be discriminated against for being a bully lover. We are compiling a list of apartment complexes, neighborhoods, homeowner's insurance companies, and cities that have either completely banned bullies and bully mixes or have placed restrictions on their ownership (such as higher liability insurance coverage, requiring that you post "Dangerous Dogs" signs, or public muzzling, etc).

If you know of anyone who should be on our list, please e-mail the information to garland@bamabully.org. Thanks for helping be our bullies watchdogs!

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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