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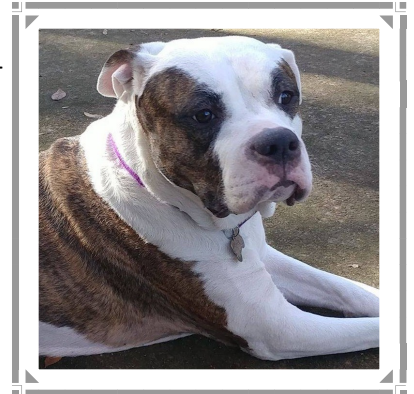


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**BAMA BULLY RESCUE INVITED TO JOIN
THE MUTTNATION 50/50 “FAMILY OF SHELTERS”**

\$3,000 awarded to bully breed rescue to support their life-saving work in Alabama

February 18, 2020—Birmingham, AL—Bama Bully Rescue (BBR) board members let their feelings leak down their faces when they got the news that BBR had been selected as a recipient of the 2020 Mutts Across America grant from Miranda Lambert’s MuttNation Foundation. This grant is not something that an organization can apply to receive. Instead, the MuttNation Board of Directors researches and chooses a shelter or rescue based upon adoption rates, volunteerism, fiscal responsibility, fundraising, breed specialty, community presence, social media presence, and advocacy. They invite one shelter or rescue in each state to become the “best of the best”, and award grant money when they notify the winners.



Melanie Hughes, Executive Director of BBR, was in shock when she received the letter announcing that BBR had won.

“We are so honored to be recognized in this way! We couldn’t wait to let all of our foster families and volunteers know that their hard work on behalf of bully breed dogs had been noticed by a well-known national foundation like MuttNation!” During 2019, BBR pulled 46 bully breed dogs that were at risk of euthanasia from Alabama animal shelters. BBR’s shelter partners in Alabama notify board members when they have an exceptional dog that is unlikely to be adopted through the shelter. After being thoroughly evaluated, BBR places these pups in foster families, where they learn to become bully breed ambassadors before being adopted into their forever homes.

Miranda Lambert’s love for animals has always been an important part of who she is. While volunteering at local shelters, she adopted her first pup, Delilah, as a companion when she started touring. To help shine the spotlight on rescue animals and shelters, Miranda and her mom, Bev Lambert, founded the MuttNation Foundation in 2009 to ensure that as many dogs as possible would have a safe and happy place to call home. “Each organization was carefully vetted and chosen for the outstanding care they provide and their heart for animals,” said Miranda Lambert, speaking about the 2020 recipients. BBR is quick to point out that without the support of their many private donors, funding from grants like the Mutts Across America, and volunteers, who generously give their time and dedication to make the rescue run smoothly, BBR would not have been in operation since 2008. Twelve years is a long time in “rescue years”!



About Bama Bully Rescue: Bama Bully Rescue, Inc. (BBR) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to creating pit bull breed ambassadors within the state of Alabama. To this end, we work with animal shelters to rescue pit bull type dogs who are overlooked for adoption and therefore at risk for euthanasia and pull them for placement in foster care. We also strive to educate the public about the true nature of bully breed dogs, encouraging responsible ownership by offering training, behavioral, and health care advice in hopes of decreasing the number of bullies that would, without such support, be relinquished by their owners.

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