

Saguaro State Bull Terrier Club

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Meetings

The Saguaro State Bull Terrier Club meets quarterly and meetings are set by the board of directors. **The next meeting will be Thursday, June 18th at 7pm via zoom.** A link will be sent to all members a day or two prior to the meeting.

Newsletter

The Bully-Tin will be published quarterly and distributed via email to all members as well as a select group of individuals who we hope will join our Club.

If you have any content for the newsletter please send it to the editor Kim Bebb
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All articles are the opinion of the authors and not necessarily that of the SSBTC.



Hello, fellow Bully lovers! Grab a treat, secure your couch cushions, and get ready for this quarters newsletter. Life with a Bull Terrier is never quiet, rarely predictable, and always 100% entertaining. Whether your pup is currently running at Mach 5 through the living room or sleeping upside down like a broken umbrella, we've got a fantastic lineup of news, tips and fun tailored just for owners of our favorite clowns of the dog world.

Hope you enjoy this issue of The Bully-Tin



MEET YOUR BOARD

President - Kim Bebb

I got my first bull terrier in 1982 and have been active in the breed ever since. I helped start two regional bull terrier clubs, and



two bull terrier rescues. I served as a trustee for the Rescue Welfare and Trust Fund of the Bull Terrier Club of America for eight years and answered their hotline. I also served as president of the Bull Terrier Club of America for four years. I live in Gilbert with my husband and daughter and seven bull terriers. I board dogs for club members and friends. I love bull terriers.

Secretary - Robin Overby

Bull Terriers became part of my life over 35 years ago. It was a perfect match because these dogs are stubborn and mischievous, just like me! I've had both males and females, but my heart dog is a white boy named Hooty Hoot. He sired a litter of ten with his housemate, Annie, and let me tell you, our home certainly became a "hootenannie"! As secretary of this club, I enjoy planning and participating in the club events which promote this fun, clownish breed. Right now I am in a holding pattern, waiting patiently for the next 'kid in a dog suit' to take over my couch and my lap, jump on my head in bed and look me in the eye and say "you want me to do what?"



Director - Sara Pinheiro

Hi, I'm Sara Pinheiro and I live in Arizona with my husband Matt and our two Bull Terriers, Wick and Khaleesi. Like most Bull Terrier owners, I quickly learned that we don't really own them. They run the house and we just pay the bills. I love being



part of the Bull Terrier community and connecting with other people who understand the joy, chaos, and endless entertainment that comes with this amazing breed. When I'm not being supervised by

Wick and Khaleesi, I enjoy crafting, running my small business, and helping with club events.

Director - RJ Riley

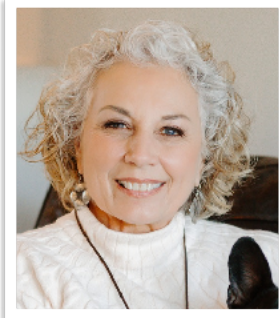
I am from Phoenix, AZ and like many AZ natives grew up hunting, fishing, and exploring the great state of AZ. I have worked and played over 30 years in the Motorcycle industry with extensive travel in and out of the USA. I met my wife



Nicole while we both worked at the Harley-Davidson Motor Company in Milwaukee, WI. My first interactions with Bull Terriers were with a co-worker while traveling in the Netherlands and next with a Harley-Davidson dealer in Mexico. Our first Bull Terrier Gemma came to us in 2010 and we were blessed to have had almost 16 years with her. We live in Glendale, AZ with our 3 amazing kids and Bull Terrier, Hector.

Vice President - Sandi Hess

My love of Bull Terriers started in 1980. My dad was in St. Joseph's hospital for heart surgery.



While visiting, Eric and I saw a man walking a white Bull Terrier. Eric said, "That is the only kind of dog I want." So, when we purchased our first home in March 1983, I immediately started looking for a white female. We

connected with Judy Darbyshire who had bred her male, The General, to Dan and Mary Trimble's female, Peaches. We met Dan and his litter at Black Mountain Feed store in Cave Creek, it was a Saturday in May. I never put Brindie down, she went home with us that day. She was 6 weeks old.

I met Kim Bebb in November of 1983 at a dog show. I was interested in showing Brindie. Kim connected us to a Breeder in Ohio and we then got our next dog, Dexter, in the spring of 84. Dexter was an all white male who was quite the showman and our first Champion. We did want a colored female and I loved the Icenis dogs. We made the trip to Washington and met with Lynne Myall and through her we connected with the Oppelt's and brought Steffie, a brindle female, home in October of 1986. These three lived long and happy lives. Steffie passed in November of 2000 at 14.5 years old.

We went without a Bull Terrier until July 2004, when Kim called and told me I absolutely needed this male puppy. Chunk became my heart dog. I adored him and he adored me.

Through Chunk we had Jenny, his great granddaughter, and Mabel, his great great granddaughter. I also co-owned his daughter

Sugar, his grand daughter, Cleo and his great grandson Phillip, with Kim. Mabel passed in January. This has left a hole in my heart as it is the end of a wonderful era of owning this cherished breed.

I was a founding member of the Central AZ Bull Terrier Club in 1984. I helped start the Saguaro State Bull Terrier Club in 2005 and have served on its board each year. We have created a great club for all Bull Terriers and their owners. I have many wonderful friendships through our shared love of Bull Terriers.

Treasurer - Denise Ryan McKee

I was born in St Paul, MN graduated from the University of MN. I worked in Social Services for my entire career. I moved to Tucson AZ in the 70's and fell in love with AZ but I couldn't seem to stay put. I moved between MN and AZ four times. Finally, in 2015 I moved back to AZ for keeps.

I have had Bull Terriers since 1990. I love this quirky, unusual, comical breed. My current bully is Toby. He's my sixth Bull Terrier. He came from the Saguaro State Bull Terrier Rescue. After fostering him and getting way too attached, I formally adopted him, 2018 and I can't imagine life without him.



Director - Bill Stevenson

Sorry no paragraph submitted so we will highlight him next issue!

Bull-ympics 2026

Bull-ympics 2026 was held April 4th at Arrowhead Meadows Park in Chandler. The event was rescheduled from March 21st due to the excessive heat we were experiencing in March. There was a small but energetic group gathered for the games, fun and food.

Our Gold Winner was Khaleesi and her owner/handler Sara Pinheiro. They finished 1st place in the Red Light Green Light Race and in the Scent Trial to clinch the gold.

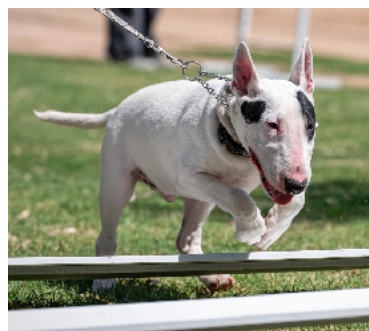


Our Silver Winner was Sammy whose owner is Shannon Hall. Sammy won 1st in the Egg and Obstacle Course and a second in the Scent Trial

Bronze Winner was Ruby and her owner/handler Frank Palermo. Ruby won a second in the Egg and Obstacle Course.



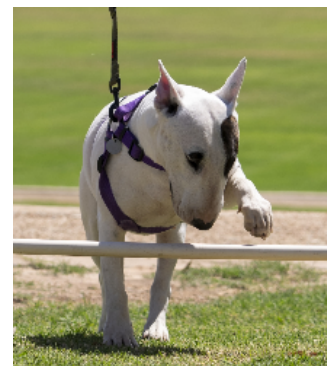
Hector and owner/handler RJ Riley also won a second in the Red Light Green Light Race but opted not to do a run off for the prize. Both dogs and owners were getting tired.



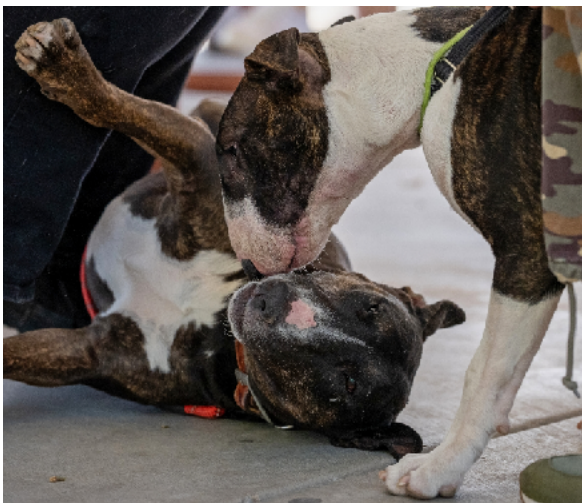
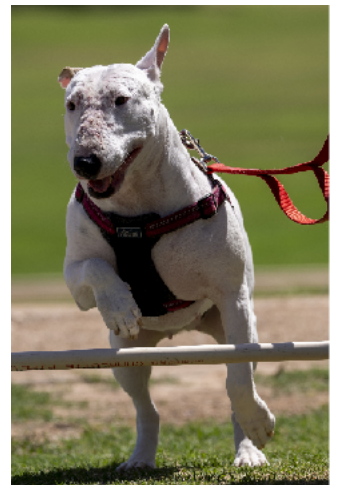
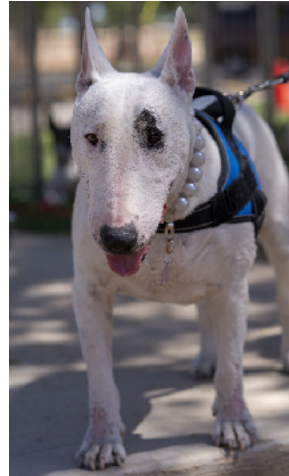
Other placements were Benny and his owner/handler, Jennifer Miller, with a 3rd in both the Red

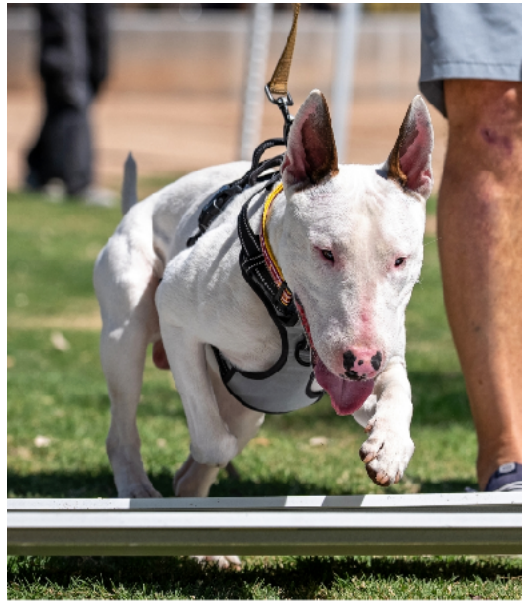
Light Green Light Race and the Egg and Obstacle Course.

Remy and her handler, Amy Dickey, finished out the placements winning a 3rd in the Scent Trial.



Thank you to Gloria Anderson of GoDogPhoto for snapping these great shots at the event. You can view all of the photos here: [2026 Animal Fun - Bully Olympics - Animal Fun - Go Dog Photo](#)





Mushrooms -

Bull Terriers, in general, have immune systems that aren't so great. Which is why they are more susceptible to Valley Fever than some other breeds. You can give a boost to their immune system by adding a mushroom supplement to their daily diet. By boosting their immune system you just might be able to reduce the severity of Valley Fever when your dog gets it.

Amazon sells several mushroom supplements. Your author recommends the following:

Real Mushrooms - 5 Defenders

https://www.amazon.com/Defenders-Mushroom-Supplements-Vitamins-Shiitake/dp/B09RX25FRG/ref=sr_1_6

Special Breed - Ultimate Mushroom Complex

https://www.amazon.com/Mushroom-Powder-Dogs-Cats-Supplement/dp/B0FCNS9YD1/ref=sr_1_1_sspa



Peroxide -

How many times has your bull terrier ingested something they shouldn't have? How many zipper surgeries have you paid thousands for? If you know, or suspect, that your dog ate something he shouldn't have that could cause a blockage, you can give a peroxide cocktail to induce vomiting and get the foreign object out of that potentially deadly situation.

Sharp objects, caustic chemicals and Colorado River Toads should never be made to be vomited up. Bottle caps, rags, socks, and other such items can be. Do not induce vomiting on a lethargic or unconscious pet.

As a general rule for adult bull terriers about 50 pounds or more, mix just about 1/4 cup of 3% hydrogen peroxide with a cup of warm water. Using a large syringe, force feed as much of the mixture as you can into the side of the dog's mouth with the head tilted slightly upward. The dog should start to vomit within about 5 minutes give or take a few. They will often heave up two waves of foamy white froth. Check through the froth to be sure the object came up. Dispose of it quickly so that the ding dong egghead doesn't reingest it before you can grab it. You know how they are!

There are potential side effects to using peroxide so if you are uncomfortable doing it - don't.

Common Side Effects:

- Stomach irritation
- Excessive drooling
- Temporary lethargy

Serious Risks:

- Gastric ulcers
- Aspiration pneumonia (if inhaled)
- Internal bleeding (in rare cases)



Should we correct the warning!?
Something to consider. -



When a dog snaps, or growls at another dog or at a person, we automatically want to correct them, yell "NO!" at them, or discipline them in one way or another. What does that actually teach the dog? It is likely teaching them not to issue a warning to the other animal or person that is bothering them. And this can lead to a dog that no longer warns before biting.

Some dogs just want their space and don't take kindly to others horning in on it. Some dogs don't want another dog or person in their face. So what should you do if your dog snaps, barks, or growls at another animal or person that's bothering them? - If the warning given didn't impact the offender enough to back off and give space then remove the other animal or person from the dog's space or remove the dog to an area where he cannot be bothered.

Often that warning is only meant to say, "Back off!" and we need to allow the dog to say that so that the dog never feels he cannot warn and must go straight to the bite.

Teach your dog to "Go Find It" -

This is a really good indoor game to play with your bully friend! Sniffing actually tires dogs out faster than you think.

If your dog has extra energy, try this game into his day..

Here's how to teach it:

1. Start with high-value treats (the stinkier the better for beginners).
2. Toss one a short distance and say; "go find it."
3. Gradually increase the distance. Throwing them to different areas of the room.
4. Once they understand the game, start hiding the treats instead of tossing them.

If your dog is a real chow hound you can hide his kibble around the room and encourage him to find it.

Be sure all the treats are found before you end the game. A treat left under or in the chair could result in a chair like the one in this cartoon. You know how they are!!

Sniffing = mental stimulation = a calmer dog



Upcoming Events - are you interested?

The following is a list of potential events the Club could host in 2026. We need to have enough participants to make the events worth while. If you are interested in any, please let us know by sending an email to our Club secretary at SaguaroStateBTC@gmail.com

- ✱ Canine Good Citizen classes
- ✱ Walking on a loose leash class
- ✱ Teach your dog to "Leave It" class
- ✱ Community Service - spend the day at the pound or a local rescue helping out.
- ✱ Fund raisers for our local BT rescue or other charities in the Valley
- ✱ Support an AKC show with trophies
- ✱ Bi-weekly Bully Walks
- ✱ Handling Class for dog shows
- ✱ Trick Seminar - learning how to teach the tricks and how to apply for a title.
- ✱ Annual Awards for Club members and their dogs. Serve on the committee to work out the awards and rules.



Show Dog Spotlight

These boys are currently the top winning bull terriers for 2026. Super temperaments on both of them.

Hachi - GCHB CH Grabo Subtle As Thunder ROM is owned by Robert and Grace Thomas of Napa, CA

As of April 30th, Hachi has won 2 All-breed Best in Shows, 4 Group 1s and 2 other group placements.

Hachi was here in the Valley showing on May 9th and 10th where he picked up another Group 1st and a Group 2nd.



Forrest - GCHG CH Rocky Top's Dream Chaser FDC ATT is owned by Lori Kibler of Cleveland, TN and Rebecca and William Poole of Hixson, Tennessee.

As of April 30th, Forrest has won 3 group 1s, and 21 other group placements. In May he added another Group 1 and 7 other group placements as well as a Reserve Best In Show.



BT TRIVIA - Did you know?

The Bull Terrier is the only registered dog breed with triangular eyes. Their eyes are small, dark, and deep-set, giving a piercing, "glint" to their expression that is unique in the canine world.

In the late 19th century, the breed was almost exclusively white. These all-white dogs were nicknamed "The White Cavalier" Colored coats weren't officially recognized as a separate variety until 1936.

In 2002, Princess Anne became the first senior British royal in modern history to be convicted of a criminal offense after her bull terrier, Dotty, bit two children.

Patsy Ann, the famous greeter of Juneau, Alaska, hated collars. When Juneau started licensing dogs, she was given a collar, but it—and several replacements—mysteriously disappeared. The city eventually exempted her from wearing one.

In 2025 the Bull Terrier ranked 86th out of 202 breeds in popularity / number of dogs registered.

It's impossible not to have fun when hanging out with this goofy, lovable breed, whose personality is as unique as its looks.



Famous Dogs - whose who?

Match who the dog goes with and then see if you can tell which photo is which dog.

General Patton

Terriwood's Marshmello

Rick Springfield

Honey Tree's Evil Eye

Bodger/The Incredible Journey

Ronnie

Spuds MacKenzie

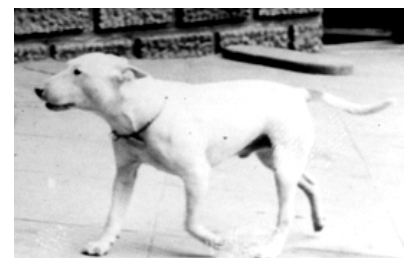
William The Conqueror

Meatball

Rocky Top's Sundance Kid

Westminster Winner 2006

Muffy



Winnie's Haven - Arizona Bull Terrier Rescue

A new bull terrier rescue has started up in the Valley. It is a foster based rescue and the executive director and founder is new Club member, Emily Urschel who lives in Phoenix.



Winnie was her brindle and white female bull terrier who recently passed away. Emily hopes to provide a safe haven for bull terriers in need and find loving homes for them.

The Saguaro State Bull Terrier Club will be supporting this rescue with fund raisers and any other means we can. While some of the Rescue's Board members are members of The Saguaro State Bull Terrier Club, the SSBTC is NOT a part of this rescue and they are a totally separate entity. Winnie's Haven has its own board and directors.

- Emily Urschel - Executive Director
- Trish Conratt - President
- Robin Overby - Vice President
- Kim Bebb - Secretary
- Danica Dietz - Treasurer
- Kristine Blankendaal - Director of Fosters

If you are interested in fostering, providing transportation, or are able to donate kennels and other supplies, please reach out to their foster

coordinator Kristine Blankendaal at knellermoe@hotmail.com

The Rescue will be holding a Facebook auction in the month of June/July to raise funds and items are needed. If you have any dog, bully items or other items of value that people would likely bid on that you would donate to the cause... please contact Kim at sunnyskyranch@gmail.com

Monetary donations are being accepted and are very much needed to help get the rescue established. Winnie's Haven is a 501c3 charitable organization with the IRS and donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be sent:

Venmo: @WinniesHaven

Zelle: winnieshavenazbtrescue@gmail.com

PayPal: paypal.me/WinniesHaven

Cash App: \$winnieshaven

