

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 Friday, August 28th at 6:30pm - location tbd.** An email will be sent to all members a few days prior to the meeting. We are hoping to have the meeting at a venue near the airport.

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.



Welcome to the Q3 Edition of The Bully-Tin!

Can you believe we are already well into the third quarter of the year? Time sure flies when you're having fun—and when you're keeping up with the endless energy, zoomies, and joyful antics of our favorite egg-heads!

As the summer sun blazes across Arizona, our club community isn't slowing down. The remainder of the year promises exciting events, plenty of opportunities to celebrate the incredible breed we all know and love. And plenty of good times with good friends and good dogs!

A massive thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and members who continue to make the Saguaro State Bull Terrier Club such a vibrant, supportive, and welcoming family. Your passion for these wonderful dogs is what makes our community truly special.

So, grab a cool drink, find a comfy spot under the AC (hopefully sharing the couch with a sleeping Bully), and dive into this third quarter edition!

Hope you enjoy this issue of The Bully-Tin

Second Quarter Meeting Highlights and Updates

The second quarter meeting was held via zoom on June 18th at 7:00 PM. Minutes went out to all Club members early in July and they will be approved at the next meeting.

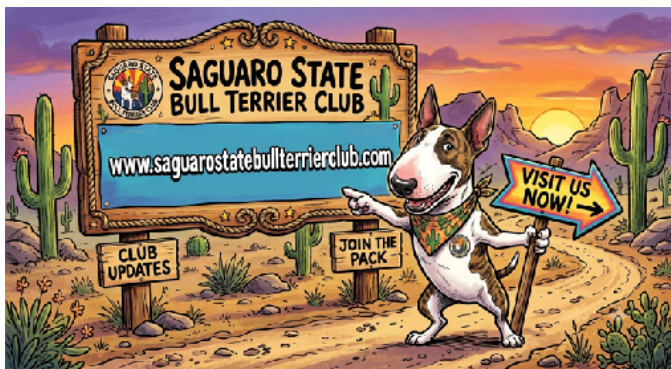
Liability and D&O insurance for the club was discussed and our treasurer, Denise McKee is looking into that.

We discussed an indoor venue near the Sky Harbor Airport that is available for rental. Ace'n Agility is off of 24th street and the I-10. Kim has looked into it since the last meeting and is working on securing it for our 3rd quarter meeting to be held August 28th from 6:30-8:30. In conjunction with the meeting Sheila Salmon will be hosting a Tricks seminar for members and guests.

We will hopefully be proposing some annual awards to be given yearly to members whose dogs earn accomplishments during the year. Kim and Robin are working on what those might be. If you have any suggestions please let one of us know.

We are looking into some fundraisers that we can do to help raise funds for Winnie's Haven - Arizona Bull Terrier Rescue. Some suggestions were a Bunco or Bingo night. If you have any ideas on that please let us know.

The Club's website is back up and running. It has been thoroughly updated except for some new photos of members dogs. Please share any of your dogs' cute photos with Kim so she can change out what is there for new photos. She would like to have a stash of photos so they can be updated regularly. So please send a lot of photos.



A membership application has been added to the website so anyone visiting the site can print out and submit an application at any time. We are looking into a jot form so membership can eventually all be done online.

There were 10 members who joined in on the zoom meeting so we will likely utilize zoom again for a future meeting. Thank you to those that attended!!

New Members

Four new members were read in at the June meeting.

WELCOME:

Stephen & Sara Lewis

Jennifer Miller

Emily Urschel



Four more new members are pending and their memberships will be voted on at the August meeting.

Douglas & Kelli Wagaman

Ryan McPeters

Chelsea Gibson

It is always good for the Club to grow! If you know of a bully owner that might like to join, please reach out and invite them! There's an application on the website!

Coat Color in Bull Terriers

White bred to white ALWAYS produces white puppies. Any other color and the sire is not who you thought it was. But did you know - a white bull terrier is really a colored bull terrier... he's just wearing a sheet that covers all or most of his color.

Let's break down coat colors. At the very base all bull terriers are a shade of red. Whether that is fawn or a deep mahogany, they all are some shade of red at the root of their color.



Some dogs also inherit a black gene that covers their color with a black cape like a doberman. These are called Black and Tans.



Some dogs inherit a gene for striping and those stripes mix in with their red color making him a Brindle. Brindles come in all shades with the base being anywhere from super light fawn to deep mahogany.



Brindles can also get the black gene which covers their color with a black cape making them a Black Brindle.



Any color dog can inherit the gene for white markings. Typically markings are on the blaze, collar, legs, feet, chest and belly. More often than not there are also stray white marks on the back: which are not a fault so long as the white doesn't make up more than 50 percent of the dog's total color.



Red and White



Black and Tan dogs that also have white markings are typically called Tri-Colors, but they are registered as Black, Tan and White.



Brindle and White



Black Brindle and White

Now for those white dogs....All bull terriers that do not have a 'solid for color' parent, can also inherit a gene for that white sheet that is over top of all of their color. Often that sheet has a hole in it allowing you to see the color underneath. The hole can be anywhere on the dog but is most usually on the head. Any hole in the sheet behind the head is a fault. Those holes behind the head are called mismarks and are often heavily penalized in the show ring.



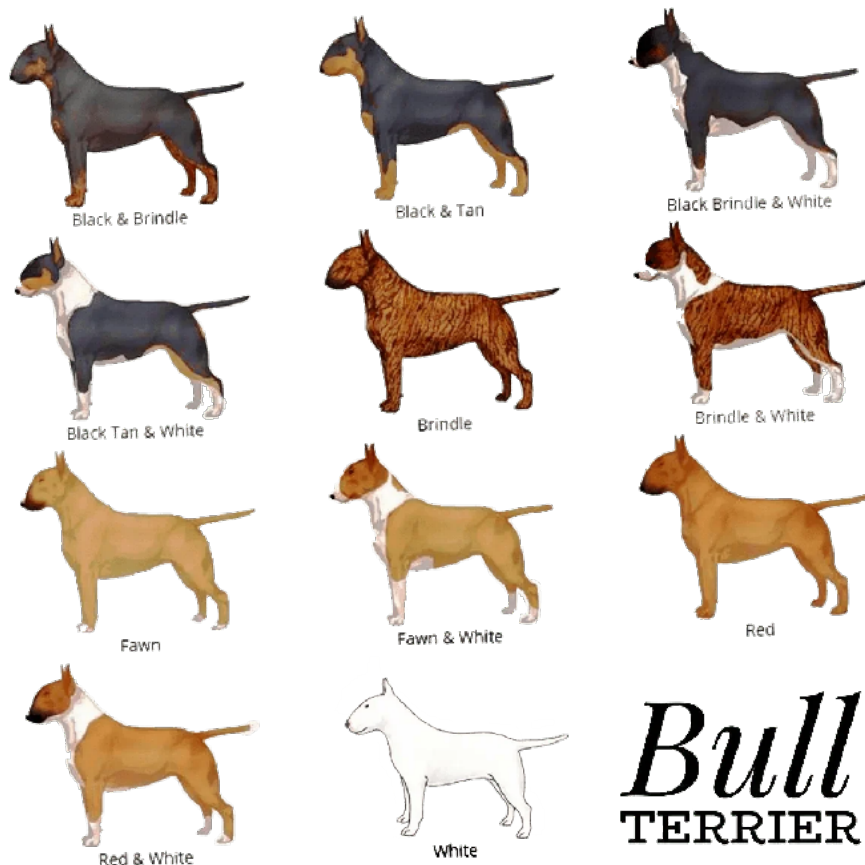
Other interesting bits about color in bull terriers:
When a colored is bred to another colored, some pups will get the gene that makes them

solid for color. Those solid bull terriers are always out of 2 colored bull terriers and no matter what they are bred to they will never produce a white puppy.

Some solid bull terriers have white feet and a bit of white on their chest but they never have any white, not even one hair, on the tip of their tail.

There is a rare double recessive gene that when inherited from both parents turns black brindle or tri-color coats into rich chocolate tones, and can slightly lighten red coats to an orange-tinted hue. This Liver color is undesirable because it also comes with light colored noses and light, often golden colored eyes. The standard specifically calls for dark noses and dark eyes.

These are the only colors and patterns found in bull terriers. If you see any other color or pattern then that dog is of mixed parentage.



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TERRIER

EGGHEAD ESSENTIALS HEALTH AND TRAINING TIPS

This article comes from member Theresa Bouchard:

Toys for Bull Terriers.....

So you've brought home your bundle of joy and you're learning that your bully likes your furniture a little more than you do. If you are partial to things like clothing, shoes, furniture, and plants then you'll want to commit to keeping your dog supplied with bully proof toys and other forms of enrichment.

At the very least, and this is non-negotiable, you must walk your dog or otherwise provide plenty of exercise. They need stimulation or they will find it on their own. It is important to keep your dog socialized with both people and other dogs so that when you do walk it is a pleasant walk and your dog is not barking or pulling when it sees another dog. That is another whole discussion, but this article is about toys that will provide enrichment and I just can't leave out the importance of walking and socializing your dog as a form of enrichment.

As for toys, the ones I am going to recommend I have personally used and can vouch for. My dogs have more toys than most children do so I have a variety to talk about. Most of the toys on the shelf are not made for bull terriers. Even if they say "made for tough dogs" that does not mean they are bully proof.

It is important to provide a variety of toys. Different textures, different colors, and different uses will keep your dog entertained and hopefully save you from replacing your favorite pair of shoes. I've learned this the hard way.... I've had bullies for over 40 years, but when I started, I was astonished at what my endearing little furry friend would eat. Let's put it this way, there is nothing they won't chew on.

The first toy is a classic and most of you know it, made by Kong.

They offer different shapes and sizes and some toys you can put kibble in. They are pretty tough toys. Most stores carry them.



Secondly I love the bionic brand. This company also



makes toys in different size and shapes. They hold up really well and I've never had a bully that didn't like them. Same deal here, you can put kibble in some of them if you want to. I find these on

Amazon, and have not found them in stores.

Third on the list is a Pupsicle. This toy unscrews and allows you to insert a homemade round ball into it. They sell the dispenser and a tray to make the Pupsicles in as well. I never leave the dog with the toy after they are done licking it because I am concerned that the dog will chew on the toy and destroy it. It's not flimsy but I'm sure they can ruin it if they keep chewing on it. This can be found in some stores or Amazon.



Fourth is a summer toy for using in the water, it's made by Kong. It is great fun for the dog and if they love the water this gives them something that will float that they can chase. I suppose you can use it in the grass as well, but my dogs love the pool, so this gives them



some entertainment while in the water. Sometimes you can find this in the store, or back to trusty old Amazon.



Fifth comes in with a natural product that you can order on Etsy. It's the natural antlers. I've got one that survived two bull terriers and is now used by my Jack Russel mix. Don't get

smoked bones, get the natural ones.

Sixth place, and these are in no particular order, is the rope. I would buy the thickest longest one you can find. These are great throw toys or just chew toys. I would keep an eye on the dog to make sure they don't swallow the strands. You can find the ropes in most stores or on internet.



I thought I'd throw in a couple of "do not use" toys such as raw hides and cow hooves. They are great for small dogs but the bullies will chew and soften them in no time and if you are lucky you will find yourself with your hand down their throat pulling it out. If you are not so lucky you will end up doing zipper surgery at the vets with a hefty bill and a dog with a sore tummy. Also don't use toys with squeakers as they will inevitably get the squeaker out and eat it.



Editors note on toys:

Thank you, Theresa, for input on safer options for toys for our 4 legged beasts. I want to add some of my experiences with toys.

Nylabones - these can be great chewing options BUT you must supervise or at least inspect the toys regularly. Slivers of the plastic can accumulate in the stomach and if your dog is a blanket eater that can cause a big problem when the blanket bits get wrapped around the bits and cause a blockage. Also please inspect the chews regularly and if any part of the chew becomes pointy and sharp, dispose of the toy. Pointy parts in a dogs mouth can cause severe injury. Some of the new shapes are such that dangerous points can appear after even a short time of chewing.

Beef and Buffalo Cheek Rolls are great alternatives to rawhides. The cheek rolls do not swell up in the stomach like rawhide. They can be rather messy depending on the type and brand you get but the bully will clean up. It's easiest to just let it dry and then brush it off their legs and anywhere else they managed to get it on. But don't let them chew them on the couch or rug. Despite the potential mess, your bully will be oh so happy you gave him the cheek roll! Like all chews be sure to supervise as these egg-heads will try and swallow that last little bit when it is still too big to swallow.

FMS Dog Beds has the best tug toys. The large are heavy fleece and 3-3.5 feet long. Lots of good tugging area for multiple dogs or room for you to grab on away from their teeth. The company is owned and operated by long time bull terrier owners, breeders and exhibitors.

At the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers show in May I picked up an EVA (Ethylene-Vinyl Acetate) 12" ring that was said to be indestructible. At \$20 I sure hoped it would be. I am impressed with how it has held up and you can find similar ones on Amazon. They are lightweight and do float. Their teeth can sink into the toy but so far it has not been ripped up.

Due to the nature of our beasts, no toy can truly be deemed safe for them. So supervise chew time, examine the toy after playtime, and let the dogs have fun.

Upcoming Events - are you interested?

The following is a list of potential events /activities the Club could host. While we would like to have several participants for each event, we are open to setting up classes for even just one person that needs or wants it. If you are interested in any of these, 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
- ✱ Bully Walks
- ✱ Handling Class for show dogs



NotSo Famous Dogs - Who's Whose?

Match which club member each dog goes with and see if you can tell which photo is which dog.

RJ and Nicole Riley	Ebba
John and Norma Glenn	Hector
Marnie Sheppard	Wick
Nancy DeVore	Remy
Ryan McPeters	Jelly
Matt and Sara Pinheiro	Reggie



Do you know the Standard?

See if you can fill in the blanks without looking up the official standard for the breed:

WHITE

The Bull Terrier must be strongly built, muscular, symmetrical and _____, with a keen determined and intelligent _____, full of _____ but of sweet disposition and amenable to _____.

Head: Should be long, strong and _____ right to the end of the muzzle, but not coarse. Full face it should be _____ in outline and be filled completely up giving the impression of fullness with a surface devoid of hollows or _____, i.e., _____ shaped. In profile it should curve gently downwards from the top of the skull to the tip of the _____. The forehead should be flat across from _____ to _____. The distance from the tip of the nose to the eyes should be perceptibly greater than that from the eyes to the top of the _____. The underjaw should be _____ and well defined.



Lips: Should be clean and _____.

Teeth: Should meet in either a level or in a _____ bite. In the scissors bite the upper teeth should fit in front of and closely against the lower _____, and they should be sound, strong and perfectly _____.

Ears: Should be _____, thin and placed close together. They should be capable of being held _____ erect, when they should point _____.

Eyes: Should be well sunken and as _____ as possible, with a piercing _____ and they should be small, triangular and obliquely placed; set near together and _____ up on the dog's head. Blue eyes are a _____.

Nose: Should be black, with well-developed nostrils bent _____ at the tip.

Neck: Should be very muscular, _____, arched and clean, tapering from the shoulders to the head and it should be free from loose _____.

Chest: Should be broad when viewed from in _____, and there should be great _____ from withers to brisket, so that the latter is nearer the ground than the belly.



Body: Should be well rounded with marked _____ of rib, the back should be short and _____. The back ribs deep. Slightly _____ over the loin. The shoulders should be strong and muscular but without _____. The shoulder blades should be wide and flat and there should be a very _____ backward slope from the bottom edge of the blade to the top edge. Behind the _____ there should be no slackness or _____ at the withers. The underline from the brisket to the belly should form a graceful upward _____.

Legs: Should be big _____ but not to the point of coarseness; the forelegs should be of moderate length, _____ straight, and the dog must stand firmly upon them. The _____ must turn neither in nor out, and the pasterns should be strong and _____. The hind legs should be _____ viewed from behind. The thighs very muscular with _____ well let down. Hind pasterns _____ and upright. The stifle joint should be well _____ with a well-developed second thigh.

Feet: Round and compact with well-arched toes like a _____.

Tail: Should be short, set on low, fine, and ideally should be carried _____. It should be thick

where it joins the body, and should taper to a ____ point.

Coat: Should be short, flat, ____ to the touch and with a fine gloss. The dog's skin should ____ tightly.

Color: Is white though markings on the ____ are permissible. Any markings elsewhere on the coat are to be _____. Skin pigmentation is not to be _____.

Movement: The dog shall move _____, covering the ground with _____, easy strides, fore and hind legs should move parallel each to each when _____ from in front or behind. The forelegs reaching out well and the hind legs moving smoothly at the ____ and flexing well at the stifle and _____. The dog should move _____ and in one piece but with a typical _____ that suggests agility and power.



Faults: Any departure from the foregoing points shall be considered a fault and the _____ of the fault shall be in exact proportion to its degree, i.e. a very crooked front is a very bad fault; a rather crooked front is a _____ bad fault; and a slightly crooked front is a _____ fault.

Disqualification: Blue _____.

COLORED

The Standard for the Colored Variety is the ____ as for the White except for the sub head "Color" which reads: Color. Any color other than _____, or any color with white markings. Other things being _____, the preferred color is _____. A dog which is predominantly white shall be _____.

Disqualifications: Blue eyes. Any dog which is predominantly white.

Approved July 9, _____

GCHB CH SUNNY SKY'S SWEET CREATURE, TKA, ROM, ROM-B aka "Fionn"

March 12th, 2018 - June 6th, 2026

Bred, owned, and loved by Kim Bebb



You were special from the get go.
One of a kind, and
the world revolved around you.



Now the world just doesn't revolve
right. I miss you buddy!!
There will never be another
like you! ❤️

Winnie's Haven - Arizona Bull Terrier Rescue



Editors note: Rerunning this again as it is an important part of bull terriers in Arizona and close to all our hearts.

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 passed away one year ago. 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 Conradt - President
- Robin Overby - Vice President
- Kim Bebb - Secretary
- Dana Carrera - 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 Director of Fosters, Kristine Blankendaal at knellermoe@hotmail.com

The Facebook auction to raise funds for the Rescue has been moved to the month of August 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. **We would like them by August 10th.** You can find the auction on Facebook under [AUCTION for Winnie's Haven](#)

Monetary donations are always happily 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

