



Bully Times

Newsletter of the Bull Terrier Club of Dallas

May 2009

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Monthly Meeting set for Saturday May 30, in Denton, Texas

Dallas — The next monthly club meeting is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Dog Days of Denton in conjunction with our public education outing. (See page two for directions and a map.)

This outing is mainly designed to share information on the Breed and our Club's activities. Although the brief meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. members are planning to spend some time at the event. Dogs are expected!



www.dogdaysdenton.com

Beyond this event later this month, we are in close-in planning stages for the June picnic, in Plano. This will be a late afternoon meeting with social time that will run into the evening. We will have access to the pool, playground equipment, tennis courts and the Clubhouse. Please get in touch if you want to help with any aspect of the event, food or entertainment.

In July we're expecting a group to head down and over to Houston to support our Sister Club's ROM shows, July 17-19th. Make your hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn Reliant at (713) 790-1900.

The TGCBTC always hosts a fun event and there are always great dogs to see there as well.

On Page 3 you will find the latest installment of the Know Your Breeder campaign. This story comes out of East Texas from a long-time supporter of the BTCD and the Breed in general. We appreciate the willingness of this owner to share their story with us and especially anyone considering the purchase of a Bull Terrier directly from a breeder.

In the cue for the next issue of Bully Times is a story from an owner who received a dog second hand, a dog that was initially purchased from a retail broker in the DFW area.

We are currently working on a developing story of an owner, south of the DFW Metroplex, who purchased a puppy through an out-of-state broker, with less than desired results.

If you know of an owner who would like to share their Bull Terrier story as part of the Know Your Breeder campaign, please ask them to get in touch. Again, our goal is to encourage potential Bull Terrier owners to thoroughly research all breeders and demand contracts with health and temperament guarantees.

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MAP to May Meeting



From the South, take I-35 E North to Denton and exit Hwy. 77/ Dallas Drive and continue north to downtown Denton. The name of the road changes to Bell Avenue, continue north and turn left on McKinney Street. The Civic Center and Quakertown Park are at the corner of McKinney and Bell.

Email: info@dogdaysdenton.com Phone: (940) 365-3063

Notice of Club Picnic and Meeting: Saturday June 27 at the Oakwood Glenn Clubhouse

This will be the first time we use the entire facility and Volunteers are needed to help with some of the set up and organization. This event is designed for families and friends and Volunteers of the BTCDD. Dogs are allowed in the Clubhouse, which is where food will be served, NO dogs on the back patio or pool area.

- Swimming is open to everyone obeying pool rules, there is no lifeguard on duty, you participate at your own risk.
- Burgers and Hot dogs (and anything else you care to bring) will be cooked on site. Bring your own coolers, drinks or snacks to share.
- The event will begin with a short meeting at 3 p.m. and will run into the evening with no set end time.
- Please mark your calendar and RSVP to btcdallas@hotmail.com

Meet BUD, a Quirky East Texas Bully who Luckily Was Adopted by a Loving Family

KNOW YOUR BREEDER

This month's story from the owners of BUD is unfortunately fairly typical and presents a view into life with a dog diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. We Thank BUD's owners for sharing their story with us and helping to educate others in their search for a life-long Bull Terrier companion.

When we bought our Bull Terrier BUD as a puppy he was a beautiful dog and seem normal at first. When he started getting older we started noticing problems. BUD started to spin around some at 4½ months old and he progressively got worse, so we started doing research. We then realized he had problems. Several weeks later BUD started pouncing on objects that weren't there and making a whining noise.

I called the breeder who said that he had no complaints at that time and he didn't know what would be causing these symptoms. We took BUD to the vet and discussed the problems we were having. The Vet then put him on several different medications, none of which helped. Later after doing more research we called the breeder back to let him know what we had found out and he admitted at that time having others call saying their puppies were displaying strange behaviors. He then offered us another puppy, but by then we were already attached to BUD.



As BUD got older he got obsessed with chewing on sticks, metal and bricks, wearing his canines smooth to the gum line. Now he is obsessed with making a whining type howl and dancing around at the base of trees, which now we know as OCD.

Bud has gotten better with age, but still acts abnormal at times.

We love him very much and do not think he's a dangerous dog, but we have to warn people about his behavior. BUD turned five December 17th and is just a lovable 65lb lap dog with quirky ways.

When we started looking for a breeder, this one was close. When looking at the puppies and the mother they seemed to be in clean conditions, but after some reflection it seemed to me that although they were cared for physically, there were probably not getting much in the way of personal attention. The kennel was clean and the dogs seem healthy. We should have looked closer at why he was selling puppies. Now as we look back, in our opinion it was all about the money and not the breed. If we ever get another dog we will be more responsible in getting to know the breeder.

Research into BUD's pedigree showed an excess of inbreeding. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Bull Terrier Club of Dallas Know Your Breeder Campaign and Club Breeder Guidelines.

Please repay this loving family by acting responsibly when choosing your next Bull Terrier. Simply put ... Know Your Breeder.

Want to share your story? Email btcdallas@hotmail.com

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TEXAS GULF COAST BULL TERRIER CLUB

Invites you to its second annual ROM Shows

July 17, 18, 19, 2009

In conjunction with the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows

JUDGES

Friday, July 17 Puppy Sweeps

Jon Cole and Jeff Klein

Saturday, July 18 Ray Sharp

Sunday, July 19 Claudia Sharp

Make hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn Reliant at (713) 790-1900

Great Southern Hospitality is being planned for all three days!

We will have a Hospitality Suite at The Holiday Inn Reliant where you can relax and enjoy food and beverages, socialize with fellow exhibitors and of course partake in the Saturday night raffle and silent auction! Information on our Saturday night banquet will be forthcoming. Please check the BTCA website for up-to-date details on the great Southern hospitality that we have planned!

We hope to see you all here on the Texas Gulf Coast!