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I am writing this letter in hopes of locating a few people experienced in the American Pit Bull Terrier who would be willing to help the "pit bull" community at large. Recently animal rights activists have targeted showing breeders and longtime aficionados of the breed. Often times the dogs are living in a clean environment and kept healthy and properly vaccinated, with no proof of abuse or neglect. So, in a move to put pressure on the community animal rights activists have called conditioned, well kept dogs "thin."



Most people who show or do agility or weight pull with their APBT can attest that they have no fat on them. But, we also know that "thin" and conditioned are two different things. Conditioning entails working a dog in a healthy manor to develop muscles and burn fat. In court when a dog is called "thin" to put suspicion on the owner you are expecting an underfed dog, with hips and spine visible.

I work with a small non profit group called Owners, Breeders and Dogs Against Breed Discrimination. Our goal is to educate the public on breeds in danger of extinction from Breed Specific measures and to

educate the owners of such dogs as to their rights and laws that need fighting. I am hoping to post several letters/affidavits from various sources attesting to the proper physical look of a conditioned, healthy APBT.



Ideally I would like to find affidavits from a mixture of conformation show judges, veterinarians, canine nutritionists and other sources with experience in the breed and canine health.

If you are interested to help me compile these letters please email me at the address below.

Thank you for your time,

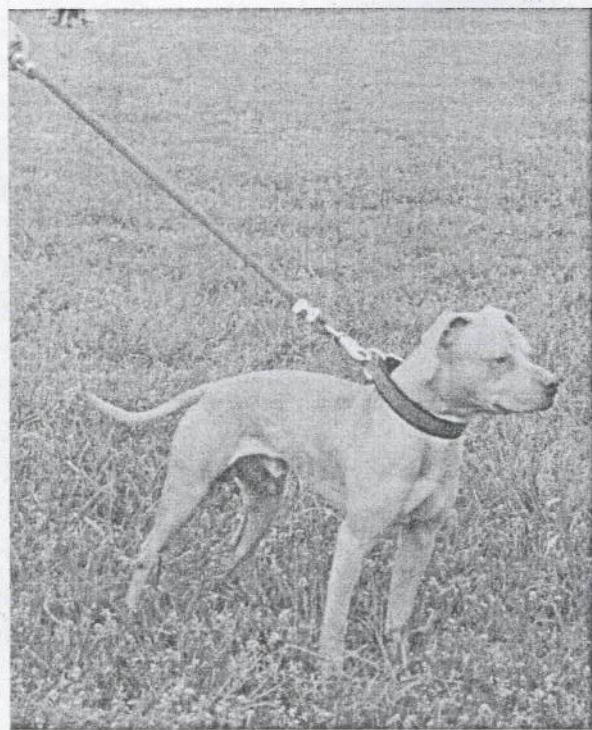
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Stop-BSL.com Update

I am writing to update interested parties on the recent activities of www.Stop-BSL.com. We raised a combined \$432.00 at our last two raffles. Some of this money was donated to TL Williams and Bobby Smith. The rest was saved for placement of ads to gain attention and help educate the public.



I researched the prices and possibility of discounts from several newspapers and sportsmen magazines in Arizona and Florida. None of these publications are willing to discount their rates for our ads. So, it will cost more than \$1000.00 for one ad in either state. This is what we are raising money towards currently. On the up side, a multi-state publication which is distributed by animal supply stores, veterinarians and other businesses has agreed to give us a deep discount on our ad. We have purchased a yearlong ad in the Northwest Pet Gazette

which will start in September and run bi-monthly. This publication is available in Washington, Oregon and Idaho with plans to expand. The AADR's Bull-A-Ton newsletter has also offered us discounted pricing which we will take advantage of when the newsletter is published.

Our flier is being distributed by Pitbullgear.com with all their mailings and at shows they attend to sell merchandise. We have also picked up people to distribute fliers in several more areas including Pennsylvania and the United Kingdom. Attached to this email is our flier, if you would be willing to distribute them in your area it would be great. Any business I send this to, please consider sending fliers with your order shipments and let me know if you decide to do so.



There are 3 upcoming raffles in September and October. Please attend the ones you can and show your support. September 6th we are holding a raffle at the East Coast APBT Club SDR show.

September 14th in Tygh Valley, Oregon we will hold a raffle at the Evergreen/Beaver State ADBA show. October 18th in Elfland, North Carolina the Carolina APBT Club will be holding an SDR show with a raffle to benefit www.Stop-BSL.com. These raffles will include Nupro Supplements, Stillwater

collars and leashes, Dakati Kennel break sticks, shirts from Pitbullgear.com, Firehose tugs, dog food and more. A few shirts will be on sale at some other shows and information will be available with donations being accepted.



Donations totaling \$236.00 from Northern Lights Kennel have purchased leashes and fire hose tugs for the above raffles. They have also supported donations to Al White and Rudy Verdin. The continued support of Stillwater Kennel Supply, Dakati Kennels, Nupro Supplements and Pitbullgear.com has helped supply these raffles with more quality products. Still, however, more quality donations would help us bring in revenue to support our cause at these shows. Anyone willing to donate good quality harnesses, dog food, gift certificates for dog products, tug toys, t-shirts and other popular products would be greatly appreciated.

I have set up a "chip in meter" on the website. You can see this at www.stop-bsl.com/fundraising.html. It is tracking donations made through our site. I have done this to show how little support we receive in funds and encourage everyone to chip in. Every dollar counts. The money donated here will go directly to our fund for advertising. If you would like to copy and post our chip in meter on your site or on a message board you are welcome to do so. The more help we receive the better.

Thus far we have received emails from several people who saw our fliers and our ads. Many of them mentioned how they had been unaware of how big of a problem BSL really was and some of them even donated through our chip in function. Others asked to be emailed fliers to hand out and spread the word for us. Essentially, this is working to educate some people, but we can reach many more.

I know it may seem like the site has been standing still for a little while. Personal obstacles have made me update the website sparingly. However, I am continuing to email politicians and media officials fervently. I have had to spend a great deal of time emailing and calling companies in search of raffle items as well.



Your support matters and is appreciated. And, I just want to say that every dollar truly does help! The best fund raisers collect a few dollars from many people, not hundreds from a few people. Please, skip your

morning coffee today and donate that \$3.00 through our chip in meter.



A quick note; AADR President, Andrea Pratt has been gracious enough to offer us a discount on ads placed in their Bull-A-Ton. Additionally, she will be asking club presidents if they support a large purchase of **www.Stop-BSL.com** t-shirts. This would not only provide a huge opportunity for more ads to be placed in large magazines, it would also make our shirts readily available at AADR shows and gain support among the members. If you are a member of an AADR

club, please express support for this idea to your club president. Your support of this idea will be invaluable to its success.



If you have any questions or comments please email me at **webmaster@stop-bsl.com**.

Thank you for your continued support!

Allie Renar
Webmaster, fund raising director



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