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Pitty-pat Guest	<p>Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:09 pm Post subject: ABC 10 News Investigative Reports: Kris Crawford - A Fraud QUOTE</p> <hr/> <p>Over emails, and other private discussions that have circulated over the past few years, Kris Crawford has been accused of some ugly damn behavior (I have been one of her biggest accusers).</p> <p>San Diego's 10News, www.10news.com, an ABC affiliate, received several complaints from separate persons within the pit community and the search and rescue (SAR) community about Kris. They began investigation, and after working with multiple victims, including me, and reviewing court documents (civil suit records for fraud, faking cancer, theft, harrassment, stalking, and related, as well as criminal court transcripts in which Kris pleads guilty/nolo contendere to embezzlement: theft of a human skeleton), ABC 10 News decided to proceed forward.</p> <p>ABC 10 News will be airing an investigative piece on Kris and the damage she has wreaked on the SAR community, and pit community. There are multiple victims who are speaking out, on camera.</p> <p>They are already running clips, showing multiple pictures of Kris, and calling her the story that had all the makings of a "hero", but instead turned into a "massive fraud, con artist, and sociopath".</p> <p>ABC 10 will be offering the story live on Wednesday night, 11 news, in addition to sharing with affiliate stations who had victims in their area, and or cooperated in the investigation, as well as offer feed to ABC national and CNN. It will also be available online at on their website, www.10news.com, specifically, http://www.10news.com/investigations/index.html.</p> <p>If you're thinking of donating money, gear, equipment, groceries, food, housing, financial grants or assistance, or in any way supporting Kris Crawford, I ask you to be careful, and watch on Wednesday.</p>
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Kristy Pit Bull Forum Addict	<p>Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:13 pm Post subject: QUOTE</p>



Joined: 01 Dec 2003
Posts: 1867
Location: Indy

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slechner

Addicted to PBF



Joined: 03 Aug 2005
Posts: 4003
Location: Vancouver, BC

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:31 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

huh? kris crawford of for pit's sake (www.forpitsake.org)? who has dakota the SAR pit bull?

wtf??!!

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Joined: 03 Aug 2005
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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:38 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

no offense, but i'm totally shocked (and skeptical). has anyone else heard this?

this is all i could find:

<http://www.pbrc.net/misc/PBRCHeros.pdf>

<http://www.pitbullpress.com/ARTICLES/search.and.rescue.html>

<http://www.workingpitbull.com/activities.htm>

<http://www.understand-a-bull.com/HeroicPitties/HeroicPitties.htm>

<http://www.pitbulllovers.com/training-articles/pitbull-training-sports-tracking-part-two.html>

<http://www.animalfarmfoundation.org/item.php?id=5&topic=0&item=134>

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Pitty-pat

Guest

Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:40 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

Yes, the one and same. You will find another post here, and another on Purebred Puppy.com. You can also run Google name searches for Kristine R. Crawford.

PM me your address, and I will send you copies of the legal documents for civil judgment payment, as well as criminal transcripts.

There are other people online here who've had same/similar experiences.

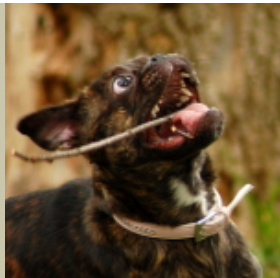
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Linariel

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:49 pm Post subject:

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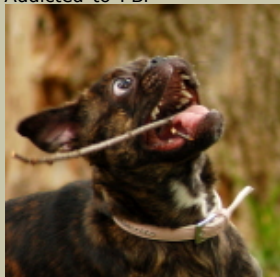
Joined: 26 Jul 2005
Posts: 5429
Location: Grand Blanc, MI

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No way, I always thought she was an icon in the APBT and SAR community. I wish that I could get the broadcast. I will look for the other post, I'm curious what the heck she did.

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Linariel
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Joined: 26 Jul 2005
Posts: 5429
Location: Grand Blanc, MI

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:56 pm Post subject:

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I can't find a single thing. Could someone PM me?

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SueG
Matured Bully



Joined: 01 Nov 2005
Posts: 475
Location: Rhode Island

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 2:59 pm Post subject:

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I don't know anything about this situation. All I do know is that she's done alot of good PR for the breed over the years. It will be tragic if we can't use the story of her and her dogs anymore to change people's minds about this breed. I truly hope that punishing whatever wrong she did or is accused of doing is worth the loss of such a great and public example of what these dogs are capable of in the right hands. 😞

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Pitty-pat
Guest

Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 3:07 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

First, to be absolutely, completely, totally, 100% clear - this is not about her dogs. This is not about pit bulls. Her dogs are lovely dogs. The breed is one I love - I adopted a very geriatric bully from PBRC, and kept him until he passed. This is solely and strictly about a woman who is pillaging good people in both the SAR community and the pit community for her own personal gain.

Kristine Crawford's personal strategy, as will be aired tomorrow night, is to befriend good people who have something to offer - reputation, money, prestige, whatever it is she needs, or thinks she needs. Then, after befriendng them, Kris begins to recite her tales of woe: being evicted because she has pits; that there are people trying to steal her dogs; that her dogs have been poisoned; that coworkers or teammates or others in the community are jealous of her, and are trying to ruin her; that she is dying of cancer and lupus, and has no one to take care of her.

Slowly, little by little, she works her way into your home, your pocket. She will drive hours to seek refuge at your home, for care, but be too weak to make it from the car to the door. Too weak to eat, she'll have you help feed her. Then, bravely, valiantly, she'll make it home, because she has some duty or mission to attend to - but she'll return....

And when stories don't add up, when lies begin to conflict, she'll turn vicious. She'll make up names, or steal real people's identities. She'll send you email under their names; Fed Ex letters to your work; accuse you of horrible acts, crimes. She'll mail pictures, letter, accusations about you to your spouse, to your employer.

And that's just the beginning of her retribution, when you figure out what she's doing.

Civilly, specifically, Kris Crawford has been accused of the following:

Fabricating the story of how Dakota was originally a bait dog
Fabricating the story of how Tahoe was a Dumpster dog
Fabricating stories of injury and or poisoning of her dogs for financial gain
Fabricating the stories of Cheyenne as a search dog

None of these stories are true.

Claiming that her father was killed at 9/11
Claiming that her father was injured at 9/11, and later died on 12/21
Claiming that it was not her father who was killed, but her stepfather
Claiming that her father is still alive, but a double amputee due to injury at 9/11

Kristine Crawford's father is very much alive with both his legs.

Inventing a husband, a doctor, who was killed by a drunk driver
Inventing a husband, a doctor, who was injured, in a coma, and later died from injuries sustained while mountain climbing

Kristine Crawford has never been married.

Pretending to be severely debilitated by systemic lupus

Pretending to be dying of stomach cancer
Pretending to be dying of lymph cancer
Pretending to be dying of lung cancer
Pretending to be dying of cancer located in her sartorius muscle

One month, and two days before she was supposed to be dead (Christmas, 2004), Kristine injured herself while trespassing (the injury is believed to be intentionally self inflicted), she was transported to Palomar Hospital Emergency Department, Escondido, California, where she told admitting doctors that her "cancer and lupus" were irrelevant, and the diagnoses that were written on her intake forms were to be taken off.

These are only a few of the provable and documented frauds that Kristine R. Crawford has been perpetrating, and of which have been repeatedly accepted by separate judges in a civil fraud case that was heard this year in San Diego Superior Court.

In that civil case, Kris was accused - and found civilly liable - for fraud, theft by deception, faking cancer for financial gain, for harrassment, of creating fictitious identities for the purpose of harrassment, of computer website intrusion, and more. She was found liable on all counts.

There are known victims through out the country, and many have stepped forward, including on camera, for this investigation that will be aired on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, ABC San Diego, News 10, www.news10.com.

Criminally, Kris was arrested in August, 2005, and charged with two counts of embezzlement for the theft of a human skeleton, stolen from the Biology Department of Menlo College, and for the theft of a Fender Passport amplifier system, stolen from the Menlo College Music Department.

She did not steal the skeleton for the purpose of her cadaver training: instead, she took the skeleton to the home where she lived, borrowed her landlord's Vespa, posed the skeleton on the Vespa, including a staged crash, as well as posed the skeleton wearing sunglasses, holding a

Pepsi and sunflower seeds while laying on a back yard chaise lounge. She also took the skeleton to her place of employment, and staged the skeleton on a school bus in a seat, and then again, with the skeleton face down, outside the door, with a woman shaking her finger at the skeleton. She then created a two page website and entitled it "Skully's Adventures", and incorporated music into the webpage.

Atherton Police recovered the skeleton from her property, after interviewing her (she denied it), and serving a search warrant. The skeleton was then recovered, as was the amplifier system.

It is important to note that Kris claimed that Menlo College gave her the skeleton because she was so weak with her cancer, that she could not do as much search and rescue field work, and this would allow her to teach more classes. She also claimed to have been given the amplifier, because the tumor in her lung had grown so large, she could not project her voice any more.

Neither of those claims, of either the "gifts" or the cancer, are true in any way.

She has, since her arrest, claimed multiple different stories, including that others stole it, that she stole it for someone she loved, that she didn't know it was stolen, and, lastly, that she was framed.

After multiple delays, and changes several times in attorney's, Kris was finally in court this month, where she pled guilty/nolo contendere to the theft.

She is due to be sentenced next week. The prosecution is seeking thirty (30) days in jail, but she *COULD* be sentenced to a year.

Kris Crawford often claims that she is the victim of relentless persecution, of jealous dog owners, of the victim of hatred by people who are out to destroy the pit bull.

She has claimed that one woman, an attorney, purposely lost a case Kris was involved in, as retaliation, because Kris would not let her use her 'super secret sensitive NASA Shuttle' search information in this woman's book.

She claims that dog fighters are seeking her, and her dogs, to make thousands in a dog fight that would 'kill the SAR pits'.

She has claimed since last November to be in hiding by the federal government, in witness protection, for her "undercover federal SAR work".

She has claimed that well established pit bull rescuers, like Tia Torres, are jealous, and therefore, out to "destroy Kris" so they can get more money for their own use.

Don't believe any of it. Do not donate to Kris Crawford. She is not what she wants you to believe, and she never has been.

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Pitgrrrl

Bully Lover 4 Life



Joined: 01 Dec 2003
Posts: 1080
Location: Atlanta, GA

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 3:10 pm Post subject: Disappointed...

QUOTE

I can't believe that someone would fake something as serious as having cancer. What a sorry excuse for a human being. 🙄

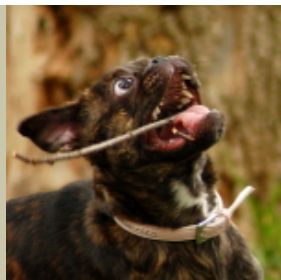
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Linariel

Addicted to PBF

Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 3:11 pm Post subject:

QUOTE



Joined: 26 Jul 2005
Posts: 5429
Location: Grand Blanc, MI

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Wow. She sounds pretty out there.

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Kristy
Pit Bull Forum Addict



Joined: 01 Dec 2003
Posts: 1867
Location: Indy

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 3:23 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Quote:

First, to be absolutely, completely, totally, 100% clear - this is not about her dogs. This is not about pit bulls. Her dogs are lovely dogs.

The sad thing is, this brings down a great example of working pit bulls. No ifs ands or buts, this diminishes their accomplishments in the pr dept.

So sad.

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slechner
Addicted to PBF



Joined: 03 Aug 2005
Posts: 4003
Location: Vancouver, BC

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 3:38 pm Post subject:

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great, i'm going to be depressed for weeks....i always used her as an example of good things this breed can accomplish.

pm'd you my email addy.

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Siberian
Addicted to PBF




Joined: 19 Jan 2006
Posts: 4476
Location: San Francisco

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 4:24 pm Post subject:

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Oh, that is so below the belt.... 

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indianas_mom
Matured Bully



Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 4:25 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

That woman really needs help ! That is horrible.



Joined: 26 Mar 2006
Posts: 490
Location: Ontario

A Canadian show called "Dogs with Jobs" did an episode on her. She claimed that her and Dakota rescued her other dog from a puppy mill. Is that a lie too ?

I was going to buy the tape of that episode for my sister. Her and her family are owned by the two bullies in my avatar photo.

My sister just loved that episode, she was so happy to see positive press on Pit Bulls. Now I guess I won't bother buying it !

It was episode 57. This is the description:

Dakota: Search and Rescue (San Francisco, California) Six-year-old Pitbull Dakota is considered one of the best search and rescue dogs in North America. Because of Dakota's strength and tenacity, she and owner Operations Lieutenant Kristine Crawford were chosen to assist in the search following the Columbia Shuttle disaster. Dakota is a gentle, loving dog who is helping to challenge conventional stereotypes about pitbulls. We follow Dakota as she searches for a missing Alzheimer's patient.

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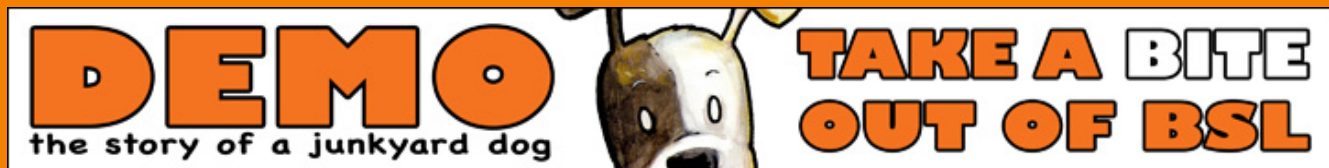
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Author	Message
SKoth Bully Ambassador  Joined: 06 Jan 2004 Posts: 2923 Location: Chicago, IL	Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 4:44 pm Post subject: QUOTE Awww, I so wish it's not true. Not that there haven't been SAR fabricators before but the APBT community just didn't need one of them. Very sad.
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SueG Matured Bully  Joined: 01 Nov 2005 Posts: 475 Location: Rhode Island	Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 7:09 pm Post subject: QUOTE Well it sounds more like mental illness than crimal behavior to me. I hope that the media checked on that possibility before raking her over the coals. It would truly be a shame to ruin someone publically if they have an undiagnosed/untreated mental illness.
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dapbt AdolescentBully  Joined: 03 Mar 2006	Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 7:42 pm Post subject: QUOTE Pitty-Pat There are always to sides to a story. Right? How to I know what you are saying is true? Poul

Posts: 202
Location: Seattle

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chako
Bully Lover 4 Life



Joined: 30 Jan 2006
Posts: 1021

Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 7:50 pm Post subject:

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She mentioned being able to provide court documents, so you could PM her for those. I'll try to watch the broadcast tomorrow to see what News10 presents.

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Pitty-pat
Guest

Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 7:53 pm Post subject:

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PM me your address, and I'll send you whatever you like. Transcripts. Copies of legal judgments. Just tell me what you want.

And please, like you said, there are two sides to every story. You don't know me; I'm just pixels on a screen. Ask questions. Ask for proof. Watch the story tomorrow night. Speak with others. Don't believe anyone or anything that asks you to "just believe", without proof.

And yes, mental illness is a possibility - sociopathy is a form of mental illness. But after years and years of opportunity to stop, she has chosen not to. I personally offered to stand by her, if she sought help. She chose not to; instead, she did it again, and again, and again.

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Cheshirekatt
Bully Lover 4 Life



Joined: 05 Feb 2005
Posts: 1442
Location: Lake Stevens, WA

Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 8:35 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

I've heard some pretty nasty things about her from people I trust. It's so disappointing and really does put us all in a rather shabby light.

sigh

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MrClean
Newborn Bully



Joined: 18 Apr 2006
Posts: 163
Location: Seattle, WA

Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 10:06 pm Post subject:

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Pitty-pat

Perhaps you could help us all out, given your in-depth knowledge of the subject. As you have gathered, a very public and once-perceived positive example of Pit Bull ownership is now in question. As I am not aware of all the facts behind the allegations, do not know anyone involved, and have a general distrust of the media, perhaps you could help out on a few details. My thinking is that with such information, we can still use facets of her work as positives and downplay the negatives. (Heck, if the rest of the world and media can do it against our dogs... turn about is fair play).

So... my first questions are:

- She is a SARs worker, correct?
- She did or did not work on the various rescue/recover efforts (I recall seeing one in Working Bully about the Colombia recovery effort)
- How much of that (Colombia) account is believed accurate? The article in Working Bully painted a very positive picture. At least for me, as an engineer, I want the full data set for my own

analysis. Can you shed light on that?

- The allegations about the origins of her dogs are based on? If they are not rescues, their origins are believed to be what?

- Any other thoughts you might have that can be used in a positive fashion? I gather you are fairly jaded from whatever experience you have with this person, but if you can, take a moment and look at this from the entire Pit Bull loving community. What can be salvaged, if anything?

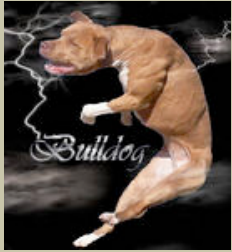
Frankly, I don't care to know the nitty-gritty, or rather, dig through the legal filings, I have enough in my life to deal with, but given your intimacy with this subject, what, if anything, can be used to continue to promote responsible dog (and Pit Bull) ownership?

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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Red
Addicted to PBF



Joined: 21 Dec 2004
Posts: 4880
Location: SoCal

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Posted: Tue May 23, 2006 10:24 pm Post subject:

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This has been going on for a while, years probably. I don't like to believe on line gossips, some bitter folks in the pit bull community. I met Kris last year and worked with her for a while, with some Katrina dogs. She was kind to the dogs and quite nice in person so what I have heard did not seem to fit. But after that something happened at the rescue she was working with and living at. I am not going to bother with details but apparently folks who trusted her changed their mind. I hope her dogs are fine and that she can care for them. They are very nice dogs, no matter where they come from. It is sad that it went this way, the breed got a lot of good PR because of her dogs. Perhaps that was to save somehow.

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dapbt
AdolescentBully



Joined: 03 Mar 2006
Posts: 202
Location: Seattle

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Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 6:30 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Why have the media involved in this matter at all?

Why not just let the court system take care of it?

All of this is just going to be another kick in the side to our breed. I can just see it now as the commentator opens his mouth "pitbull owner Kristine Crawford bla bla bla." Instead of saying "dog owner Kristine Crawford" thus opening up another can of "pitbull owners are thieves and crooks, etc.

Bad choice for whoever decided to go to the media with this.

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Bosses Dad
Bully Lover 4 Life



Joined: 16 Jul 2004
Posts: 1131
Location: Texas

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Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 7:49 am Post subject:

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Damn.

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Cheshirekatt
Bully Lover 4 Life

Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 7:52 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)



Joined: 05 Feb 2005
Posts: 1442
Location: Lake Stevens, WA

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Well, if she hadn't allegedly embezzled money then the media wouldn't have anything to report.

It's easy to blame the media (trust me, I do it a lot!) but if she did it, the guilt lays squarely on her shoulders.

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Kirstan
Bully Ambassador

Joined: 02 Dec 2003
Posts: 2680
Location: Seattle-ish

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Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 8:13 am Post subject:

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Jesus Christ! We'll sink our own breed with this kind of stuff (BOTH SIDES!). It's out there on an investigative report, apparently now being posted around by someone who obviously has issues with her that are personal. While I admittedly don't know either party, the dogs have done some good and now, it's being ruined by BOTH sides to this issue and it's being ruined by the people not the dogs. Congrats to all of us!

Too much bitching and bashing on forums. It's ridiculous and nauseating.

~kirstan

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dapbt
AdolescentBully



Joined: 03 Mar 2006
Posts: 202
Location: Seattle

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Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 9:28 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Hi Kirstan,

Couldn't agree with you more.

They should have the court take care of this, but someone wanted to go to the media to make it more personal.

I think that it is absolutely shameful if a fellow pitbull went to the media with all of this. Do I smell a snitch?

All of this will only hurt the breed and not Khristine Crawford

I have never meet so many crazy, malicious, and vengeful people in my life, in the pitbull community. We need to learn to stick together instead of all the in-fighting. truely sad.

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SueG
Matured Bully



Joined: 01 Nov 2005
Posts: 475
Location: Rhode Island

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Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 9:40 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

I'm with you dapbt. I was thinking about this all night and wondering why someone would call the press about this issue. Personally, I don't care what personal issues have happened between Kris and anyone else. All I care about is that now, because of this report, we will loose all the great PR that she has given this breed over the years.

I hope it is truly worth it to whomever is responsible for the media getting involved in this. They have just set our fight for this breed back more than I can even imagine.

And you are right. The pit bull community is one of the most divided, antagonistic groups I have ever seen. No one is willing to put aside their differences for the good of the breed as a whole. And it is so easy to get pulled into this gossipy, petty bullsh**. I am shamefully guilty of it myself. This type of behavior will be our downfall and once again it's the poor dogs that will suffer for our ignorance. ☹️

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indianas_mom
Matured Bully



Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 10:48 am Post subject:

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Embezzlement, faking cancer and stealing human remains have nothing to do with the type of dogs you own.



Joined: 26 Mar 2006
Posts: 490
Location: Ontario

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It's also bad press for charities (especially volunteer SAR groups). People start to wonder where their donations really go.

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dapbt AdolescentBully  Joined: 03 Mar 2006 Posts: 202 Location: Seattle	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 11:05 am Post subject: QUOTE </p> <p>knowing the media this will turn into a pitbull slander, thus proving what a lot of people say, that we pitbull owners are criminals.</p> <p>Truely sad</p>
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Hoyden AdolescentBully  The Wicked Witch of the West won't see THIS comin' Meet the NEW leader of the Flying Monkeys. Joined: 11 Sep 2005 Posts: 334 Location: Connecticut	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 11:26 am Post subject: QUOTE </p> <p>dapbt wrote:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>knowing the media this will turn into a pitbull slander, thus proving what a lot of people say, that we pitbull owners are criminals.</p> <p>Truely sad</p> </div> <p>So because Kristine Crawford owns pitbulls, you think that this story shouldn't be aired??? Do you feel that the pitbull community should have covered up for her for because she has been good PR for the breed?</p> <p>Honestly, I could really care less what kind of dog you own, where you live, who you are or what you do, if you are embezzling funds, faking serious illnesses and using those same pitbulls as marketing tools within the pitbull community in order to raise funds for your own personal use, then there is a problem here and it needs to be brought to light.</p> <p>I actually work at an advertising agency and with the media extensively and I will tell you that I don't like the media or the way that they pick and choose which portions of the story that they will report.</p> <p>There are a few good reporters out there who will report the truth and not convolute the story with something that has no bearing on the person's actions or character, such as owning a pitbull. Hopefully this investigation will have been conducted by a reporter who will not play upon the breed of Kristine's dogs to generate ratings.</p>

That being said, if you cover for someone who has committed crimes because you share a common interest or bond with them, then you are no better than they are.

Airing the truth, no matter how ugly it is, is the best way to approach the situation. When the public knows the truth, there will be less victims and the public can make informed decisions for themselves on whether they want to donate money to a person who may or may not use the funds raised for the purpose that they claimed that they needed them for.

Yes! There will be some bad PR for the breed as a result of Kristine Crawford's actions, but that means that as Pitbull Owners, we should make it clear that we do not condone her actions and that her actions have NOTHING to do with our dogs. If anything pitbulls are victims too because she has undoubtedly used them as tools to collect donations.

Stepping off my soap box now

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Albertorey
Guest

Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 11:29 am Post subject:

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dapbt wrote:

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Truely sad

Well it's notorious that all pitbulls owners are criminals, drug dealers, rapers or 3 of them !



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dapbt
AdolescentBully



Joined: 03 Mar 2006
Posts: 202
Location: Seattle

Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 11:31 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Hi Hoyden,

If you read my previous posts. You would have seen that I said "let the court system take care of it. Leave the media out of it.

If she is found guilty, she should go to jail. Period.

No media coverage please. it always turns in our disadvantage.

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Laina
Pit Bull Forum Addict



Joined: 26 Apr 2005
Posts: 1796
Location: Seattle, WA

Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 11:39 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

I think what people are trying to express is its too bad that this ugly story involves our dogs. No matter how you look at it, some people will make connections between Kris' decisions and behavior and pits. I don't think anyone here is trying to cover up anything, the point that upset some people is that other people into the breed have made this a media spectacle, instead of just leaving it to the legal system to punish whatever actions need to be punished.

I just think its sad that people can't see past their own motives to unite in the name of the breed. Our dogs get put into the middle of our own personal or political battles that end up hurting the dogs, not us.

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Kirstan
Bully Ambassador

Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 11:42 am Post subject:

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It's certainly to no one's advantage on a message board/forum. She's not here to defend herself and this is all just unnecessary. Just more stuff to gossip about when that person isn't here to defend her/himself (whoever it is in cases like this).

Location: Seattle-ISH

We'd all be right to keep to healthy and lively debates, etc. and not contribute to blasting people publicly over and over on a zillion different boards. We all have our demons - ALL of us.

If she's done something wrong, the court will take care of it... you know, in an ideal world. If people have been 'duped' once or over and over again, they should pursue what it is they need to pursue in the court. All this has done, again, is damage the dogs accomplishments in people's eyes b/c their owner is accused of whatever it is she's accused of now.

~kirstan

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AdolescentBully

Joined: 11 Sep 2005
Posts: 334
Location: Connecticut

Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 11:51 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)**dapbt wrote:**

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No media coverage please. it always turns in our disadvantage.

Well, there is nothing that can be done about it at this point because the media already has the story. If one outlet has it, I am sure the others will pick it up sooner or later.

I am sure the court system will handle it and it will be all over the news because Kris Crawford was in the news previously for her involvement with SAR.

Media coverage of breed doesn't always have to turn to the disadvantage of pitbulls. If you make contacts with your local news stations and develop a good relationship with them, they will respect you and turn to you for information.

If facts about the breed are reported accurately, good or bad, I make it a point to contact the reporter and Thank them for reporting truthfully. Now they contact me for information.

The ABC and NBC affiliate stations here actually air pitbulls as the pets of the week and discount that they are bad dogs, but they do say that like many breeds, they need a home that can devote time and training to them. [/u]

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Guest

Posted: Wed May 24, 2006 2:00 pm Post subject:

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This is NOT about the dogs. No matter what Dianne Jessup says, this is not about the dogs. Not pits in general. Not about Kris's dogs.

This is about Kristine Crawford, and the fraud she continues to perpetuate against good, kind people. People in the pit community, and people in the SAR community, and people who donate money to both communities in support.

This is not about what Kris Crawford has done for the pit community, this is about what the pit community can do for Kris Crawford's personal gain. Do you think if she were using Labradoodles or Dalmations that she would ever get the attention or money or gear or even, the trucks, that she does?

Kris Crawford picked the pit community because it's in trouble, because the pit community needed a "hero". And then by fabricating and lying, she's created such a "need" for her, that she's been getting away with hellacious behavior that is hurting people, real people, and the community.

There are those, like Dianne Jessup who says this is the vendetta of a singular outside, anti-pit bull person - me. I know that is not true. This is not about the dogs. This is not about the breed. This is about Kris Crawford.

And if you need to hear it from someone truly respected in the pit community, who has moved hell and high water to save pits, then read Tia Torres own words about her time with Kris Crawford.

Tia has been having trouble with posting. This is from her; it is not edited, changed, or

otherwise altered. You can verify the contents with her directly at her email, redfang13@aol.com, or call her if you have her number.

From: RedFang13@aol.com
 Date: Sun, 14 May 2006 01:15:20 EDT
 Subject: The Stalker
 To: XXXX@aol.com

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Hey XXXX,

Feel free to forward this. Here's my experience with Kris Crawford.

I've know Kris for years mostly thru the net and the Pit Bull world. She always seemed like a stellar representative of the dog community and I was impressed with her. So about a year or so ago, I kinda dropped out of the gossip/internet Pit Bull world only because I got too busy to sit on the computer every night. During the Katrina incident I got back involved due to all the misplaced Pit Bulls and that's how I "bumped" into Kris online again. I also joined another Pit Bull forum where I quickly saw this "anti-Kris" campaign going on. I was shocked and confused. When I asked Kris about it, she told me it was because she was being accused of stealing all sorts of equipment out of a college from Northern Calif. , where she had done a seminar. She said that she was "framed" by a former "partner" of hers in the dog community. She also told me that she was losing her place of residence because the county was bulldozing it and that she couldn't find a place to live with her dogs. She also said she had cancer and lupus. So I felt bad for her and took her in, gave her a place to live for free and a paying job right here at Villalobos. I also talked my attorney friend into taking on her case, pro-bono because I believed her. Well to make this long story, short, she was lying, played both he and I and now she's trying to file a "contempt" charge on my friend and have him dis-barred. My poor friend who I got involved in this.

Literally within days of her being here, I began to notice VERY bizarre behavior. She would have out of control violent outbursts, screaming and screeching at me. She also became very possessive over me and got furious when I did things without her or tell her where I was going. I finally confronted her and asked, "what, are you my husband or something?" She then began to try and convince me that the man in my life was not right for me and that I should leave him. Mind you, she'd only been here for about two weeks at that point and knew nothing about "my man". She would not leave me alone while I was here. One night while trying to watch TV, she kept "IM'ing" me over and over and over and over and over and over. I ignored her. Next thing I know, she comes busting in my front door and walks over and turns my TV off and says, "I've been trying to talk to you. I want you to watch the DVD of me on Animal Planet". I just sat there with my mouth open. I started to get REAL uncomfortable around her.

One morning while at a pet expo, she became enraged that I left without her and one of my employees watched as she went "postal" saying over and over, "She's going to wish she'd never met me. I will ruin her life. I will not be ignored. I'm going to make her wish she didn't exist." But it was creepy because she did it in this whispery, Hannibal Lector kinda voice. My employee became so freaked out, that she called me at the expo. I confronted Kris on her comments and she blew it off like she was "just kidding".

Then the gifts started coming in. Candy, cards, etc. The last one being a \$300 keychain!! Then of course there were the rambling out of control and over emotional emails. Things like "you don't need anyone else but me. Why do you continue to go to others when I'm here for you?" I also got "fake" emails from people saying they wanted to donate money to me because they heard that I employed Kris Crawford and that they would only give to me as long as she was with me. Okay...like I'm supposed to believe this? But Kris knew I was ready to give her the boot and she became desperate. So desperate that she sent my soon to be "ex husband" and overly jealous Italian from New York, photos of me "with men" saying that they were all my lovers. Now mind you, they were just photos of me on my property talking to my employees. So this means she followed me around here with out me knowing and was snapping pictures preparing to set me up.

Then out of the blue, I get a call from Kris' sister in Colorado. Didn't know she had one there but nonetheless. Her sister was very nice and said that the family had been looking for Kris for a long time because they were "trying to get her the help she needed". Oh great.... Apparently I was about the 5th or 6th victim stretching all over the country. I have emails from other women who were stalked by Kris. Apparently the story Kris gave her family so they wouldn't look for her was that she was this very important witness in a court case and the FBI had put her in the witness protection program.

Anywho, I have so much more to tell but I'm getting tired. We all need to get together. I will end with this thought and I stand by what I say. Kris will end up killing or hurting someone physically. Just like in that damn movie, SINGLE WHITE FEMALE. I'm telling you, she was

	<p>EXACTLY like the character in the movie. But no doubt, she is getting worse and worse with each victim.</p> <p>Tia Maria www.VRCPitBull.com www.25-to-Life.org To report animal abuse, Call (213) 485-3826 L.A.City Animal Cruelty Task Force</p>
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<p>Kirstan Bully Ambassador</p> <p>Joined: 02 Dec 2003 Posts: 2680 Location: Seattle-ish</p>	<p>Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 8:32 am Post subject: QUOTE</p> <p>Again, this just got really, really ugly (not to mention unnecessary) on a public forum for EDUCATION and for new people to come to learn. I'd think that this is a really embarrassing situation for anyone involved regardless of whether they o.k.'d a 'letter' or other information to be on this board. All of this has a 'yuk' feel.</p> <p>The one thing that appears to be holding steady is that the DOGS have done great things and that's what matters on a pit bull forum. If people want to support her or not, they can look up her 'issues' on their own and can, likely, find information that will help them in their decision. You can only really be 'scammed' by someone once, I'd think. After that, any prudent person would cut their losses.</p> <p>~k.</p>
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<p>Pitgrrrl Bully Lover 4 Life</p>  <p>Joined: 01 Dec 2003 Posts: 1080 Location: Atlanta, GA</p>	<p>Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 9:18 am Post subject: QUOTE</p> <p>Quote:</p> <div data-bbox="386 945 1263 1003" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> You can only really be 'scammed' by someone once, I'd think. After that, any prudent person would cut their losses. </div> <p>I have to disagree with you on this. There are several animal folks out there who repeatedly scam the same people over and over again. It's for a number of reasons, but usually because the deceiver has built a network of people who believe in them 100%, no matter what anyone says or what proof that they have. In this case it's truly sad because we need all the good PR we can get for the breed. Kris Crawford is not the only sociopath/ con artist involved with pitbulls, but she is perhaps the most well-known. Pit Bulls are so maligned that it's easy for con artists to prey on the emotions of those who love and support the breed. We need heroes and champions for our dogs, and there are some out there who sadly take advantage of that.</p>
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<p>Kirstan Bully Ambassador</p> <p>Joined: 02 Dec 2003 Posts: 2680 Location: Seattle-ish</p>	<p>Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 9:47 am Post subject: QUOTE</p> <p>... I see your point but we'll just agree to disagree on this one. The beauty of opinions. I have seen a 'few' people who have pulled the wool over others eyes but I think it's up to each individual person to check out who they choose to support. Have I been duped? Probably. I am sure to check out people I'm involved with now for sure. I don't send money to PEOPLE (I will pay vet expenses on occasion) or invite people into my home b/c that's not a route I choose to take unless I know someone really well. It's not just the pit bull people who are screwed with - it happens in a lot of charities. I just think, and it's again opinion, that if someone is screwing with you, you have a weird gut feeling, you haven't gotten the info you want, then it's your responsibility to cut your losses.</p> <p>That's not what this is about and now I'M off topic.</p> <p>My original point is that this part of the forum is open to all to read and now there is 'dirty laundry' so to speak. It's all very unattractive.</p> <p>~k.</p>
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<p>Pitgrrrl Bully Lover 4 Life</p>	<p>Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 10:03 am Post subject: QUOTE</p>



Joined: 01 Dec 2003
Posts: 1080
Location: Atlanta, GA

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Agreed. It's ugly no matter how you look at it.

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chako

Bully Lover 4 Life



Joined: 30 Jan 2006
Posts: 1021

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Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 10:06 am Post subject:

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If anyone saw the news airing on <http://www.10news.com/investigations/index.html> it's actually very positive toward Pit Bulls. The airing doesn't go into real detail about the fraud allegations or the criminal case, but gives the very basics. About half the airing shows the dogs in a positive light. Nothing bad is said about the breed. The only negative information aired is the allegations against CRAWFORD, nothing about her dogs not being solid examples of the breed. In fact, there's a lot of footage of her dogs behaving nicely and following commands, along with a photo shoot of Dakota in Columbia.

Honestly, I don't think anyone watching this is going to get a negative opinion of the DOGS.

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colleensinn

Guest

Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 10:15 am Post subject:

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I just had to weigh in because this is really bothering me. I don't think my opinion is drastically different than some others such as Mr. Clean or dapt, but I will throw it out there anyway. Like Mr. Clean, I would be interested in facts pertaining to Kris's SAR work and her DOGS. Just not interested in anything else, would've joined a soap opera board if I was.

I just joined this message board, because I was hoping to find some weight pullers in my area. The Pit Bull Press area was interesting as positive pit stories are always needed for anti-pit bull discussions people start with me. I still do not see how embezzling, faking cancer or stalking women has to do with pit bulls. Whoever stated that the problem should be handled in court got it right. I have enough of a life to not want to play judge and jury when it is impossible to know all the facts. It cheapens the forum when certain people are accusing others on off topic matters.

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abnormalsanon

Super Bully



Joined: 31 Dec 2005
Posts: 638
Location: Philadelphia, PA

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Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 10:19 am Post subject:

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What she's allegedly doing doesn't necessarily mean she's a sociopath, though if it's true, she obviously has some major problems. It sounds more like [Munchausen Syndrome](#), in which a person fakes illness for attention or financial gain. They may also pretend that other family members (usually children, I believe) are ill, and this is called Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

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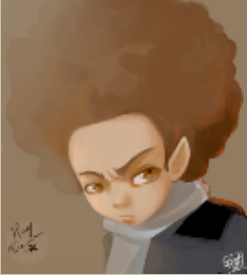
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Author	Message
concreterose Regulator  Joined: 09 Feb 2004 Posts: 12585 Location: Michigan	<p>Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 10:21 am Post subject:</p> <p>QUOTE</p> <p>It is ugly no matter how you look at it. We (the administrators and mods) have been discussing whether or not this topic would be allowed to be posted for several months now. At first, we kept a lid on it, because it was SO much and SO devastating that we wanted to wait and see how far it would actually go. In the end, we thought it would be in the best interest of the pit bull community if people were informed of the 'allegations' against Kristine because of the growing number of people that have been deceived into donating large sums of money to a woman that is not actually doing what she says she is ALL of the time. I don't doubt that Kristine has done a lot of positive PR for the breed. However, there are a lot of generous members that are willing to donate and support her efforts. If these donations are not being used as they are supposed to, we think it is in the best interests of the members of THIS forum to know what they are dealing with.</p> <p>We don't claim to know all of Kimberly's intentions regarding Kristine. But if Kristine is soliciting monies from people under false pretenses, people have a right to know. Personally, I don't think it's necessary to go into detail about Kristine's personal issues (alleged mental illness, etc.) to know that the bottom line is, at this point in time, it would be in the best interest of our members not to donate to her cause at this time. Maybe Kimberly, felt this would give her story credibility, maybe she has something personal against Kristine...only she knows. I would think that our member base knows enough about our integrity by how this board is run that we don't go looking for drama, nor do we seek to tear anyone down. The decision to let this news be shared was not made hastily, nor with the intent of starting any mudslinging or to fuel the fire for any personal vendettas. It was made strictly to inform members who may still support Kristine financially. Personally, with the way the economy is, and money being tight (at least for me) this is information that *I* would want to know 🙄</p> <p>Back to top</p> <p>PROFILE PM AIM YIM</p>
rgyoung777 Regulator	<p>Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 10:26 am Post subject:</p> <p>QUOTE</p>



Excellent post, Mil.

You summed it up better than I could have.

Joined: 07 Sep 2003
Posts: 4927
Location: Dana Point, CA

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Kirstan
Bully Ambassador

Joined: 02 Dec 2003
Posts: 2680
Location: Seattle-ish

Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 11:10 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Agreed that people have the right to know that something may be up, certainly. The rest of the personal yuk could have stayed off this post and that would have been nice. I don't like reading other people's letters or emails on what someone else is doing to them or for them. It's just creepy.

Anyone supporting anyone else's charity work should definitely check them out and on more than just a forum. I don't know either party and don't care to at this point.

Anyway, it is what it is now.

~k.

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staffyb
Guest

Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 11:45 am Post subject:

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Laina wrote:

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I just think its sad that people can't see past their own motives to unite in the name of the breed. Our dogs get put into the middle of our own personal or political battles that end up hurting the dogs, not us.

That's 100% accurate! Think about it - every single time a new ordinance is proposed it is because the media has gotten hold of something, and don't they just love it? To intentionally involve the media is unforgivable! I don't know how many of you are actually living in CA but in this state we are in a **world of hurt** - I can't believe how fast the laws in communities up and down the state are going against us. What we need is positive media ~ anybody got any good idea's how to get that?

Staffyb

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Kirstan
Bully Ambassador

Joined: 02 Dec 2003
Posts: 2680
Location: Seattle-ish

Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 1:54 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Start more therapy dog programs and actively visit, don't get involved in petty personal bull\$hit or anything criminal. Be a good breed and human advocate. Live a good life and put your (and our) dogs in the best light possible all the time. Call and beg for media attention when you are at a venue - not that it will work but it's worth a shot, right?

My only other suggestion is to take whatever steps possible to get into rotary, politics for those who have the stomach for it, or any professional affiliations and try, try, try to sway those who, normally, have no interest in dogs or any of these issues. Get into colleges to talk with students who vote. Get to high schools to sway those who are reaching the age when they can vote.

Lastly, contact the ACLU who has taken a pass on this issue so far stating that the HSUS and PETA have it covered. Is it state by state for the ACLU? Anyone?

I don't know if any of this will work but anything is worth a shot. I'll go to any venue I can with my dog(s) to try to show people how lovely they are.

Just ramblings...

~k.

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Laina
Pit Bull Forum Addict



Joined: 26 Apr 2005
Posts: 1796
Location: Seattle, WA

Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 2:01 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

Here's what I found on the ACLU in Washington...it does look like its divided offices, mostly by state.

<http://www.aclu-wa.org/gethelp/>

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Kirstan
Bully Ambassador

Joined: 02 Dec 2003
Posts: 2680
Location: Seattle-ish

Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 2:06 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

... and the GET HELP portion should work nicely! Thanks Laina!

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heather
Addicted to PBF



Joined: 28 Mar 2004
Posts: 6429
Location: central michigan

Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 6:16 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

Wow!! I don't know what to say.... ☹

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abnormalsanon
Super Bully



Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 6:35 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

No offense, but I don't understand what the ACLU has to do with this. Any particular reason you're planning to contact them?

Joined: 31 Dec 2005
Posts: 638
Location: Philadelphia, PA

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Cybele
[AdolescentBully](#)



Joined: 07 Feb 2006
Posts: 222
Location: New England

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Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 7:42 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

What's just as disturbing as the allegations is that the majority of this thread consists of posts passing judgement prior to the newscast (or prior to ANY verifiable information) based on allegations by someone offering to e-mail court documents (huh?) and posting someone else's words (secondhand info, gimme a break) that we can supposedly verify are firsthand by some e-mail address (not sold on that, sorry).

What the....?

dapbt
[AdolescentBully](#)



Joined: 03 Mar 2006
Posts: 202
Location: Seattle

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Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 8:19 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Hi Cybele,

A lot of people tend to jump to conclusion based on someone elses word. Not me

We need to follow Sathy's path, which is to keep the APBT out of the media no matter how good the publicity is, because it will always turn negative. So far it has worked brilliantly in Finland. No BSL and high fines for irresponsible dog owners.

I think that it is absolutely malicious for a fellow apbt owner to snitch on another apbt owner. The person who alledgely was defrauded by Ms Crawford should have gotten her revenge/satisfaction through the court system. But no, just had to go to the media with this bullshizzle.

I am NOT defending Ms Crawford, and think that if she did what she was accused off she should go to jail

BUT for Pits sake leave the dogs out of it

panda
[AdolescentBully](#)



Joined: 22 Jan 2006
Posts: 269
Location: OR

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Posted: Thu May 25, 2006 10:20 pm Post subject:

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I am late weighing in on this topic. But I do know I am sick & tired of anyone who does anything negative that could be perceived as involving our breed because it hurts all of our dogs; personal, rescue, sar, shelter, breeders, you name it. Secondly, I have seen more infighting, backbiting, holier-than-thou attitudes in this Pit Bull community than I ever saw in my 25 years of corporate employment where everybody is out to get ahead. It is simply unbelievable to me that we, the collective pit bull we, seem unable to work together for the good of the breed without getting petty and personal or getting attacked by others when a valid concern is raised.

I apologize for the rant. I just get so tired of it all.

Kirstan
Bully Ambassador

Joined: 02 Dec 2003
Posts: 2680
Location: Seattle-ish

Posted: Fri May 26, 2006 7:30 am Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

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Joined: 05 Jan 2006
Posts: 189

Posted: Fri May 26, 2006 8:37 am Post subject:

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How sad. I actually really feel bad for her, it is obvious that she has serious mental health issues. And I don't see how this would have a negatively impact on the breed, just the handler.

I can't imagine she planned out scams from the day she started doing SAR. You don't put in that kind of hard work and effort if you are into taking the easy way out. I think the disease she has probably just has progressed to this point or maybe she went off medication. Either way, she has done good for society, most con artists never do.

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Pit Bull Forum Addict



Joined: 26 Apr 2005
Posts: 1796
Location: Seattle, WA

Posted: Fri May 26, 2006 11:13 am Post subject:

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Sorry a bit off topic again but, I think if we can organize a nationwide level of awareness with the ACLU they might be more inclined to look deeper into the banning and pending legislation against pits across the country. Also, if we look at the support that the HSUS and PETA is providing and can show how this will still not protect the civil liberties of people who own supposedly "dangerous dogs", I think the ACLU might then understand why we need their help also.

If anyone else has any other ideas on how to positively promote our breed or fight BSL, we can get a different thread going with some brainstorming.

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Author	Message
dawgdays www.BadRap.org  Joined: 02 Dec 2003 Posts: 2259 Location: oakland, ca	<div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Posted: Fri May 26, 2006 3:43 pm </div> <div> Post subject: </div> <div>QUOTE</div> </div> <p>Sad business. Many of us have known about Kris' problem for years, but kept it quiet because it didn't seem to be causing anyone any real harm. Unfortunately, people were getting hurt beyond losing a few dollars.</p> <p>Even though Kris can't do SAR in CA anymore, she did do some legitimate searches. And her dogs are impeccably trained. Where Kris falls short, her dogs make up for it. We can still point to them as examples of what's possible for the breed.</p>
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staffyb Guest	<div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Posted: Fri May 26, 2006 4:10 pm </div> <div> Post subject: </div> <div>QUOTE</div> </div> <p>[quote="lovemypitweiller"]How sad. I actually really feel bad for her, it is obvious that she has serious mental health issues.</p> <p>Based on what?</p> <p>I can't imagine she planned out scams from the day she started doing SAR. You don't put in that kind of hard work and effort if you are into taking the easy way out. I think the disease she has probably just has progressed to this point or maybe she went off medication.</p> <p>You should never base your thoughts on someone else's 'assumptions'! You know what 'assume' means, don't you? 😊</p>
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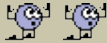
Kirstan wrote:

Start more therapy dog programs and actively visit, don't get involved in petty personal bull\$hit or anything criminal. Be a good breed and human advocate. Live a good life and put your (and our) dogs in the best light possible all the time. Call and beg for media attention when you are at a venue - not that it will work but it's worth a shot, right?

.....but anything is worth a shot. I'll go to any venue I can with my dog(s) to try to show people how lovely they are.

Just ramblings...

~k.



Excellent idea's; I just spent the last two week-ends doing this type of work and couldn't agree with you more!

staffyb

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HartagoldAST
Guest

Posted: Fri May 26, 2006 10:36 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

Kirstan wrote:

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Guest

Posted: Sat May 27, 2006 10:13 am Post subject:

QUOTE

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I have read and reread all posts, I haven't seen **ANY** proof; I HAVE seen **lots** of libel and defamation of character, lots of "ASSumptions ~ but **NO proof!** 🙄

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staffyb
Guest

Posted: Sat May 27, 2006 10:56 am Post subject:

QUOTE

Does anyone read "The Dog Press"

I thought this article was a pretty good study:

Posted with permission 😊

"The Backyard Breeder Fallacy

I own purebred dogs. Once a year or so I breed a litter from DNA profiled champion stock. For that, I will never apologize as I truly have the best interest of my chosen breed foremost in my mind. Am I an elitist? You betcha! Would I cringe if you went so far as to call me a dog Nazi? No. Serious breeders mate dogs of known background in order to reduce the chances of congenital defects and predict with greater accuracy the positive outcome of a planned litter of puppies. Therefore I probably seem like an unlikely advocate for the guy advertising puppies in the local newspaper. However, I am also a civil libertarian. And I won't apologize for that either.

Proposed, pending and contested legislation around the United States and abroad that is aimed at restricting our property rights by targeting animal reproduction has become rampant at every level of government. Forced spay and neuter, cost prohibitive licenses for unaltered dogs and breeding permits, micro chipping of our animals with their information (and ours) in government data bases, warrant-less inspection of our property, arbitrary limits on the number of animals we can responsibly care for and mandatory husbandry practices are some of the ways in which dog owners are being relieved of their civil rights.

While our agrarian forefathers did not specifically guarantee us the right to own and breed animals, they did guarantee us the right to be treated equally under the law, the right to own property, the right to be free from warrant-less search and seizure of that property, the right to due process and the right to commerce. With no respect for our Constitution, animal rights supporters are working hard to relieve us of these rights by packaging restrictive legislation in a way that is not only palatable to dog owners, even some breeders, but misleadingly leaves them with the impression that they have supported something beneficial. Far too many animal owners and welfare advocates are buying into it in one area or another.

Divide and conquer. By creating stereotypes and labels, like "puppy mill" and "backyard breeder" and attaching a stigma to those labels, the animal rights movement is trying to disgrace the act of breeding animals. And they're doing a great job. The media has been flooded with images of dogs being raised in cages, in filth, in neglect. Sad faces of shelter animals behind prison bars on "death row". Images intended to produce an emotional response instead of an intellectual one. And don't forget the staggering statistics.

It's not a secret that animal rights mean no more domestic animals. It's in their mission statements. HSUS president Wayne Pacelle brags that "We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding. One generation and out. We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are the creations of human selective breeding". Allow me to translate, no animal breeding means no more animals. Period. And while the general public cannot be sold on such a radical concept, it's been surprisingly easy to sell them on the concept of ever tightening restrictions. Although united in our love of domestic dogs, slick marketing by the enemy has created infighting. Breeders both private and commercial, rescuers, shelter staff, animal control, dog show exhibitors and pet owners are cleverly being turned against one another to forward the animal rights agenda. Each believing that their point of view is the only valid one and everyone else's civil rights no longer matter.

Yes, I too personally find those images disturbing. They are the product of gross human negligence and irresponsibility. I love animals, I have been a shelter volunteer, and I believe in animal welfare but I am also a realist. Things are rarely what they appear on the surface. In order to end the animal surplus and related suffering, I want to get to the actual cause, to prevent the illness instead of treating the symptoms, so to speak.

The demand for a product (puppies, for example) is driven by the consumer. It's a simple case of supply and demand in a free market economy. Don't blame the seller for being an opportunist. It's only human nature flourishing in what is still a mostly democratic society. An uneducated consumer has every right to purchase an inferior product and suffer the consequences. Just as

the seller has every right to promote the benefits their product, in order to influence the decisions of the consumer. If breed purists and elitists like me are outraged at breeders who turn a profit by selling what we consider to be an inferior product, then we must only blame ourselves for failing to educate the buyers.

Ignore the propaganda; dog breeding is not the cause of shelter overpopulation. Animals end up in shelters for a myriad of reasons. Behavior problems that result from a lack of training and proper socialization along with normal breed characteristics that the owner finds unacceptable top the list. Owner death, job transfer/move, landlord/rental restrictions, insurance discrimination, financial trouble and the inability to comply with escalating pet ownership restrictions also contribute to the problem. The system is designed to perpetuate it.

We live in a disposable society. As long as domestic animals are viewed as a short term convenience, instead of a serious long term commitment then change is unlikely. The problem is one of perspective, information and education. Pointing fingers at each other is cowardly and counterproductive.

According to a 2005 article in the HSUS magazine All Animals, 75% of the shelter population is comprised of mongrels. Now I'm no math wizard, but I can extrapolate that only 25% must therefore be purebred animals. If this is true, then random bred dogs are the real cause of shelter overpopulation, not "puppy mills", breed enthusiasts or "backyard breeders" of purebred dogs. Yet this same HSUS article praises the mongrel as superior because of its' larger gene pool. One that may very well be polluted with unknown genetic defects. They even go so far as to market them as a "designer" product. Sort of a haute couture, one of a kind canine fashion accessory.

Now, it occurs to me that if you truly want to reduce the animal shelter population in a meaningful and dramatic way, than you should advocate for the elimination of the mongrel, through mandatory spay and neuter of random bred dogs with unknown ancestry. (See, I am a dog Nazi!) Most dog breeders know that you must have a firm grasp of the genetic past, in order to improve the genetic future of your line. Many of the minority purebred animals that end up in the local shelter may not have a known origin either, and are therefore not an ethical choice for perpetuation of their breed. The same "hybrid vigor" so highly touted in the mongrel is just as easily achieved by crossing healthy purebreds of known ancestry to create new breeds. Man has done so since the beginning of domesticated dog breeding and whatever we fancy, that breed was created by this process.

The beauty of purebred dogs is that there is something to appeal to almost anyone. I don't have to agree with your choice but I must respect your right to make it. I'm not going to advise that consumers rush out and purchase a Puggle, Labradoodle, or Cockapoo, anymore than I would suggest that everyone should select my preferred breed. (Not everyone deserves one!) Whether these designer hybrids stand the test of time or fade out with other trends is not for me to say. Freedom of choice means the freedom to make the wrong choice, and the freedom to make better choices in the future.

Am I a "backyard breeder"? Well, by technical definition I guess I am. I have also been a front yard breeder, a living room breeder and a cab of my motor home on the way to the dog show breeder. If that makes me a villain, then the animal rights lunatics and the terrorists who support their ideology win. But if you become an independent thinker, then freedom wins. We all win. "

Ms. Jade maqikworksminds@yahoo.com
May 2006

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X-girl
Regulator

Posted: Sat May 27, 2006 12:35 pm Post subject:

QUOTE



Joined: 12 May 2004
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Location: Hoboken, NJ

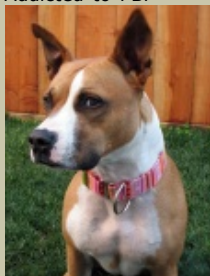
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SFBullyGirl

Addicted to PBF



Joined: 25 Apr 2005
Posts: 4956
Location:
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Posted: Sat May 27, 2006 12:41 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

and I might add I think that letter is crap..and an excuse for someone to pump out puppies under the guise of consumer demand..blah

also...per your other post, the person who brought these things to light did so by saying they have proof and would be glad to send them to whomever was interested..while this may not have been the place to air dirty laundry at least they had some decorum and did not post all the goods on a public forum.

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rgyoung777

Regulator



Joined: 07 Sep 2003
Posts: 4927
Location: Dana Point, CA

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Posted: Sat May 27, 2006 1:20 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

X-girl wrote:

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Um, yeah, no kidding!

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PineysMom

Forum Junky



Joined: 24 Jan 2006
Posts: 3147
Location: NYC

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Posted: Sat May 27, 2006 1:36 pm Post subject:

[QUOTE](#)

Quote:

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Tova
Newborn Bully

Joined: 23 May 2006
Posts: 47

Posted: Sat May 27, 2006 3:21 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

Pitty-pat wrote:

She did not steal the skeleton for the purpose of her cadaver training: instead, she took the skeleton to the home where she lived, borrowed her landlord's Vespa, posed the skeleton on the Vespa, including a staged crash, as well as posed the skeleton wearing sunglasses, holding a Pepsi and sunflower seeds while laying on a back yard chaise lounge. She also took the skeleton to her place of employment, and staged the skeleton on a school bus in a seat, and then again, with the skeleton face down, outside the door, with a woman shaking her finger at the skeleton. She then created a two page website and entitled it "Skully's Adventures", and incorporated music into the webpage.

She sounds mentally ill.

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PitBullPride
Guest

Posted: Sun May 28, 2006 1:10 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

People shouldnt get mad or upset because this issue was posted here. I for one.....who donate to multiple pitbull related rescues/organizations, would WANT to know if something strange or off is going on like this, ESPECIALLY if it's someone I may donate to! Of course none of us have to agree or disagree with the speculations. I don't care what breed of dogs she has....it just sucks IF she is in fact using them in the limelight for different intentions...

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staffyb
Guest

Posted: Sun May 28, 2006 5:16 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

rgyoung777 wrote:

X-girl wrote:

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Um, yeah, no kidding!

Sorry, wrong forum, that is more towards bsl - still getting the hang of all of this, apologies!

staffyb

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staffyb
Guest

Posted: Sun May 28, 2006 5:26 pm Post subject:

QUOTE

PineysMom wrote:

Quote:

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Defamation of character, in writing, is libel. Sorry, doesn't matter if it is gossip or not.

So lets get back to the really important stuff - improving the public perception of our breed....

Staffyb

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Kirstan

Posted: Mon May 29, 2006 8:14 am Post subject:

QUOTE

Bully Ambassador

Joined: 02 Dec 2003
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Location: Seattle-ish

As I said before Lora, I have no problem with it being posted that there is something to possibly look into but I have issues with some personal letter with accusations being posted by someone else who has issues with her. It has nothing to do with PETA so don't be ridiculous. It's the personal issues I could do without. Don't make assumptions.

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