

8/5/2026

Meeting Agenda

- Juniors Program Updates
- Community Project!
- New Committee Head
- Finance Overview
- Committee Call – Fundraising Committee
- Upcoming events
- Set next meeting
- Breed Spotlight – American Pit Bull Terriers



Updates to the Juniors Program!

- New Joining Process – All current juniors will need to resubmit!
- Juniors have their own version of our Bylaws and Code of Ethics to sign.
- Parental consent form must be signed and on file.
- If you are a junior, or the parent of a junior, please get with Lead Coordinator Shuu Oberdorf to complete this process.
- We will have these documents available on the website soon, just like the regular CoE and Bylaws are.





BAKE SALE

Psssst, we need a Bake Sale organizer to coordinate who is bringing what – any volunteers?

Juniors Bake Sale

- Will take place at the 2026 Fall Festival.
- Club members will donate baked goods. The juniors will sell them!
- Need Juniors to help man the sale table throughout the weekend.
- Proceeds from juniors bake sale go into a separate pool of money to fund their future community improvement projects.
- And speaking of community improvement projects....

PFPD's First Community Project!

The Rainbow Bridge

- A **Rainbow Bridge memorial** in a public park is a dedicated, tranquil space where grieving pet owners can go to honor and remember their departed animal companions. It is inspired by the famous "Rainbow Bridge" poem, which comforts owners with the idea that their pets wait for them in a beautiful meadow before they are eventually reunited.



The Rainbow Bridge



- **Tribute Displays:** The bridges often feature mesh, fencing, or pillars where visitors can leave physical mementos, such as engraved tags, leashes, or the collars of their beloved pets.
- **Symbolic Artwork:** The structures are frequently painted in vibrant, rainbow colors to represent the lore of the poem.
- **Plaques and Readings:** Many of these park memorials display the full text of the "Rainbow Bridge" poem along with a seating area for quiet reflection. Ours will have this, as well as including some info about PFPD.
- **Community Connection:** They provide a physical space for closure, allowing people to feel understood by a community of fellow animal lovers who share the exact same bond

The Poem

By the edge of a woods, at the foot of a hill
Is a lush, green meadow where time stands still.
Where the friends of man and woman do run,
when their time on earth is over and done.
For here, between this world and the next,
Is a place where each beloved creature finds rest.
On this golden land, they wait and they play
Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day
No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness
For here they are whole, their lives filled with gladness
Their limbs are restored, their health renewed
Their bodies have healed, with strength imbued
They romp through the grass, without even a care,
Until one day they start, and sniff at the air
All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back
Then all of a sudden one breaks from the pack.
For just at that instant, their eyes have met;
Together again, both person and pet.
So they run to each other, these friends from long past,
The time of their parting is over at last.
The sadness they felt while they were apart,
Has turned into joy once more in each heart.
They embrace with a love that will last forever,
And then, side-by-side, they cross over...together.

-Author Unknown



The Plan

- The Board will soon be approaching Shawnee Parks and Recreation to request to “adopt” an already existing bridge at the Lake Shawnee Arboretum for this project.
 - I know this is exciting, but no members should preemptively contact P&R before the Board does. We have a full proposal to submit to them and we want to WOW them from the first contact. We are sharing these plans and ideas with you in confidence – don’t break the board’s trust please! <3
- This location is right across the street from Ted Ensley Gardens (where we had our April group walk) and only two minutes away from the Lake Shawnee Bark Park – two locations that are already heavily foot-trafficked by dog lovers.
- Adopting this already existing bridge will be substantially less of an investment than building a new one from scratch, and our improvements to the bridge will help beautify an existing area in our community as well as draw additional foot traffic to a less-visited area at Lake Shawnee; a win-win!
- If they decline we will explore other options for the bridge’s location.





Proposed Changes To Existing Bridge

- Sand and stain the rails of the bridge.
- Add Cattle Panels alongside the rails to create a grid where people can attach their mementos.
- Sand and paint the footpath of the bridge rainbow colors.
- A plaque with the poem, the PFPD logo, and a QR code linking to our website (currently under construction, will be done long before the bridge) will be placed at the location.

Funding

- The Juniors will fundraise separately for this project so their efforts will go to solely funding this and not other club activities.
- Funding goals will differ depending on what P&R approves. If we need to build a new bridge in a different location, funding requirements will be higher than if we are just “adopting” a current bridge.
- Private donations outside of structured fundraising efforts directed specifically to the Rainbow Bridge project are absolutely welcome!

Continuing the Love

- Once the bridge is complete there will be a donation request space at the physical location.
- Any income from that location will be placed into an ongoing sponsorship program through PFPD to assist people in need with the veterinary costs of euthanasia, cremation, and obtaining their pets ashes.
- We are hoping to seek partnerships with local vets who can offer these expenses at reduced costs to allow our sponsorship to help as many as possible.



New Committee Head for Weight Pull!

- Sammy Hellums has voluntarily stepped down from her committee head position due to personal time constraints and has passed her roll to **Cheryl Rauh**!
- Welcome to Club Core, Cheryl – we already know from our experience with YOUR experience that you will be great for the role!
- Thank you to Sammy for all of the previous hard work, and we're glad you're still sticking with the committee as a regular member. 😊

Club Finances



A Quick Overview



- Thanks to Container-Mania, we gained **+\$1,031.00** in funds in July 2026!
- This month we spent money on...
 - \$101.00** Post Office Box Rental (every 6 months)
 - \$200.00** Facility Rental Expense
 - \$244.00** Winners Payback for Container-Mania
 - \$16.80** PayPal Fees (These will be claimed on our taxes)
- The balance on the account on August 1st 2026 is **+\$3957.97**



Venmo



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- We now also have Venmo as a payment option for annual dues, donations, future events, and entries. 😊

Venmo: @PrairieFireUKC



Committee Call
Fundraising Committee

What is the Fundraising Committee?

In order to host events like trials, competitions, and events as well as purchase necessary club equipment we need income.

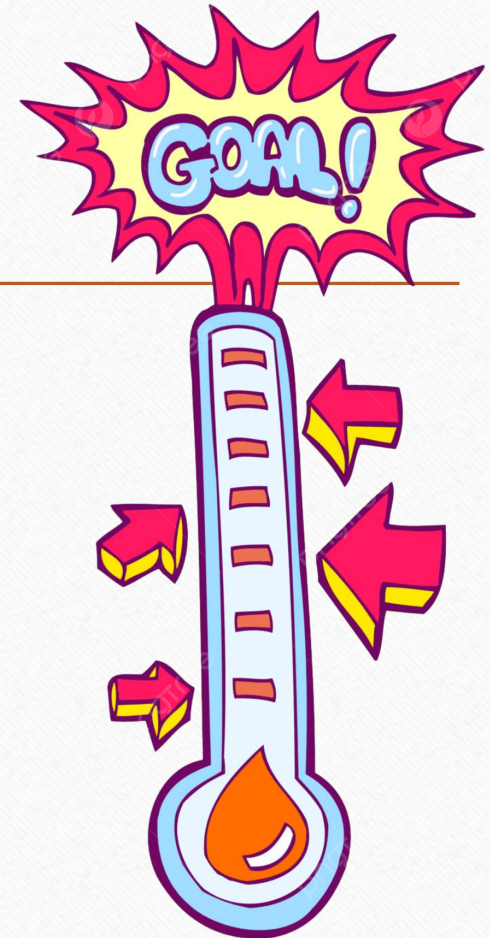
The \$30 paid from each member for annual dues is unfortunately not enough money to accomplish these things.

The fundraising committee makes connections to sponsors, both individuals and local businesses, and asks them for donations to our club. Often time those donations come with benefits to those people or businesses.



The Process

- 1.) Identify the need. Are we raising money for a specific thing, or just to increase the general club nest egg? If a specific thing, how much \$ do we need in order to make it happen?
- 2.) Identify potential sponsors – think like a business! Who would benefit from giving us money and in what way? How can we market ourselves to them so that they feel like they are getting something of value by giving us money? Develop benefits to partnering with us.
- 3.) Build a list and start reaching out! We make contact first by email and then try to follow up in person. After our in-person meeting we touch base again via email. It usually takes 3 or more contacts to secure a donation – be persistent but not annoying!
- 4.) Keep careful track of donations so we can be sure our generous partner's end-of-year book keeping is as it should be.



Help Us!

- More money = more fun for PFPD!
- Members of the fundraising committee should be comfortable with reaching out and asking for sponsorships from local businesses, as well as organized to keep track of their contact lists and timelines.
- We work together as a team and divide the workload evenly amongst one another.



How can you get involved?

Join us on Discord!

Post in the fundraising-questions channel and let us know that you'd like to get involved – we will welcome you with open arms! Many hands make light work. 😊

Current members: Kali Mitchin & Maisy Barton



disability-committee-business

disability-committee-chat

disability-committee-questions

✓ Fundraising Committee

fundraising-committee-business

fundraising-committee-chat

fundraising-questions-and-ideas

✓ Juniors Program

juniors-program-business

juniors-program-chat

juniors-program-questions

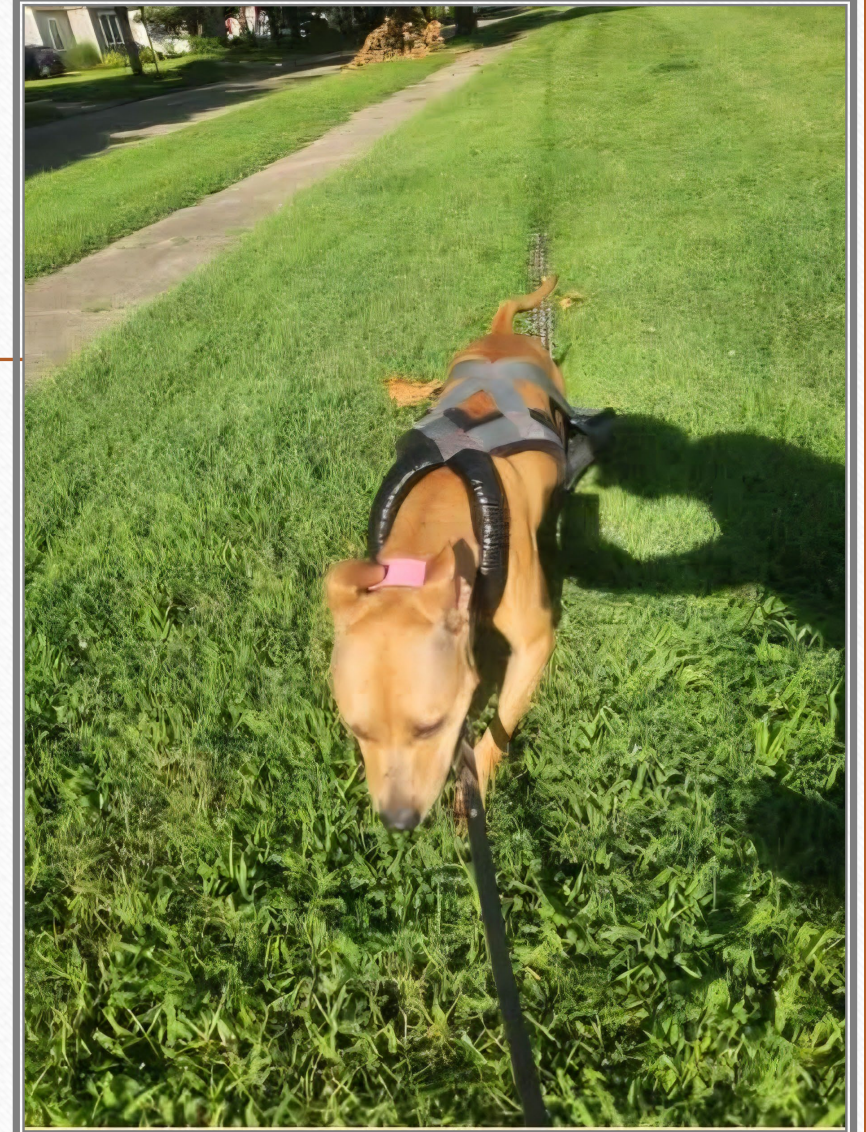
🔊 Example voice channel



Upcoming Events

Weight Pull Practice
Saturday August 15th 2026
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

- @ Top City Dogs –
 - 3494 KOA Rd Grantville, KS 66429
- \$10 for PFPD members / \$15 for non-members
- Bring your own harness or borrow one of ours and learn foundational weight pull conditioning through dragging weight!



PetTech First Aid and CPR Seminar

2 Separate Class Dates!

August 29th & 30th 2026

- While *this isn't actually a PFPD event, this is an excellent local opportunity to learn important skills and gain a very useful certification!
- Register at www.pettech.pro/jessicad or scan below.



**First Aid
Review for
Pet Lovers &
Caregivers**



*All income generated from this event goes directly to the PetTech instructor for her travel and materials. This is not a PFPD Fundraiser.



Hosted by



*Get Trained in Pet
First Aid & CPR for
Dogs & Cats*

*Space is limited.
Register today!*

Materials included!

REGISTER AT: WWW.PETTECH.PRO/JESSICAD

**Saturday, Aug. 29th or
Sunday, Aug. 30th**

**at Top City Dogs - Training &
Boarding from 9:00am-2:00pm**

Training includes:

- Pet CPR (3 Styles)
- Evaluating Emergency Situations
- Choking Management
- Bleeding Management
- Snout-to-Tail™ Assessments
- Hands-on Training





2026 PFPD FALL FESTIVAL

11/6/2026 – 11/8/2026

CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS!

WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!

- Every single PFPD member will be required to assist in some fashion with creating this massive 3-day public event. Set up, tear down, stewarding, distributing flyers, making signage, baking etc. there is a job for everyone!

Location:

Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex

12200 214 Rd. Holton, KS 66463

VOLUNTEER ROLES

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS

AND MANY DON'T REQUIRE YOU TO BE AT THE EVENT

We will need help with:

- Advertising
- Developing a premium
- Coordinating vendors
- Coordinating food
- Coordinating volunteers
- Running rings
- Set-up/Tear-down
- Moving equipment from storage locations to event
- Creating signage
- Making baked goods
- Trash cleanup, bathroom care
- Judge assistants
- Ribbon coordination/distribution
- Timers
- And so on and so on!!!



SPONSORS NEEDED
THIS EVENT WILL BE HUGE!
WE REQUIRE MORE FUNDING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN



Calling all local businesses!

If you have or know of a local business who may consider supporting the PFPD Fall Festival please let the Fundraising Committee know. We will reach out to them (and name drop you if you think it'll help!) and show them what we're up to!

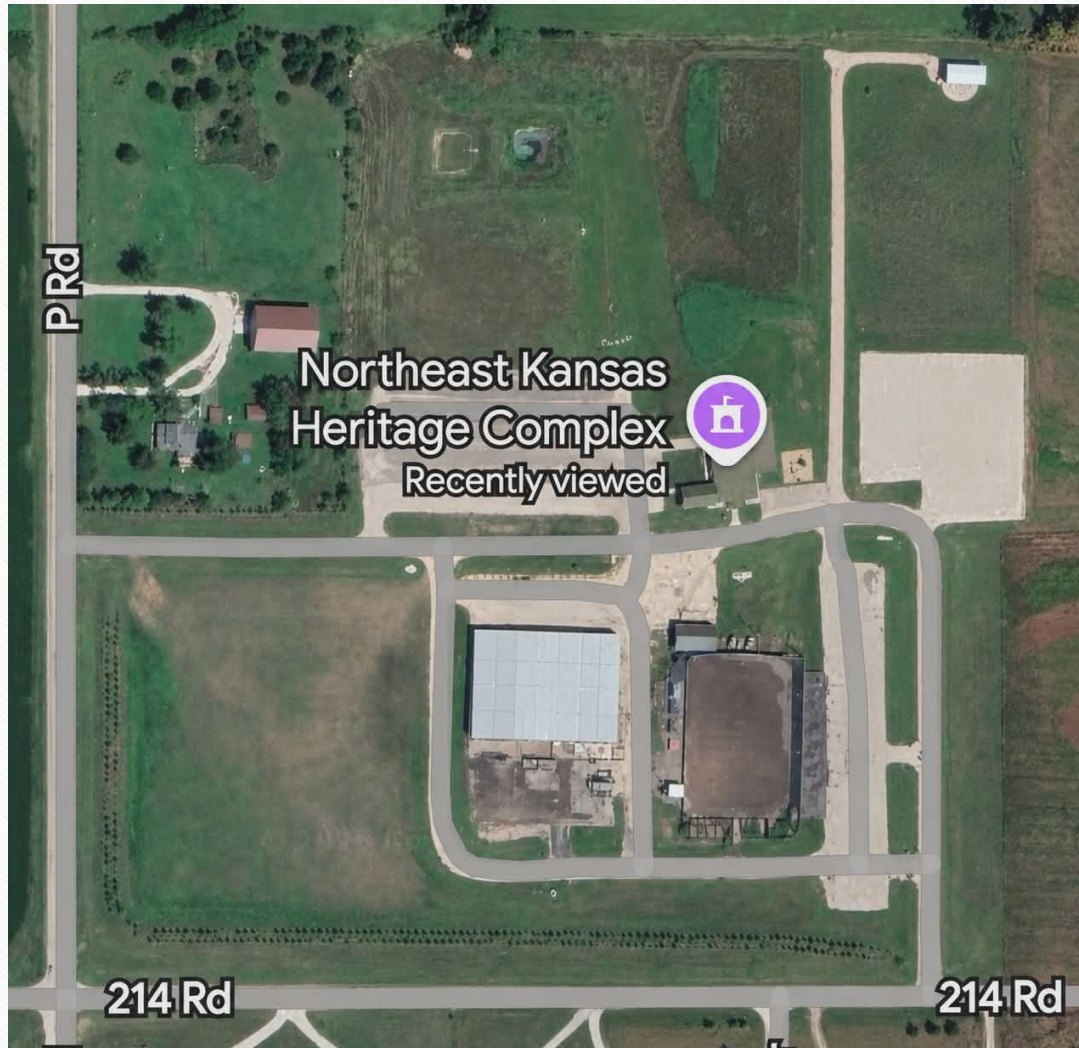
Opportunities for supporters include advertising rights, vendor booth reservations, displayed banners, social media promotions, award sponsorships and more!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Kali Mitchin (Lead)

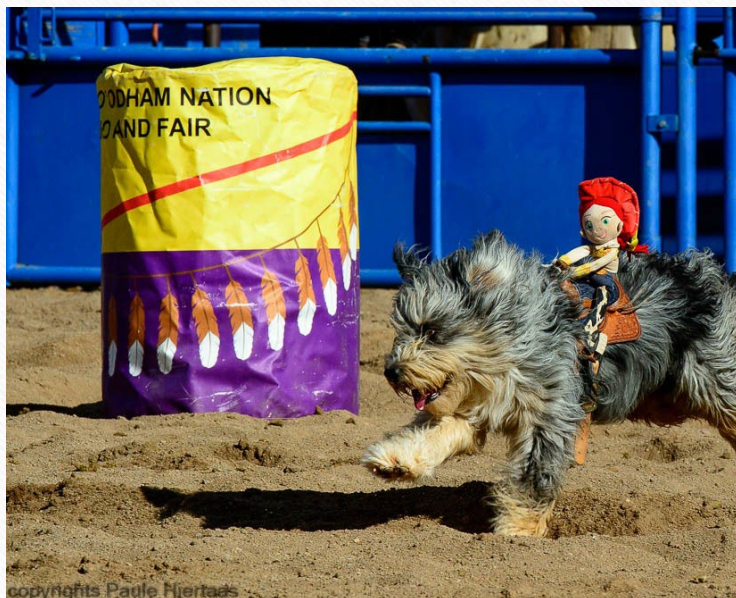
Maisy Barton

Join us please, we need more help!



This is the
OFFICIAL start of
our club!

- **FRIDAY 11/6/2026:**
 - All-Sport Try-it Day
 - SPOT Testing (Official)
 - Barrel Racing Fundraiser
- **SATURDAY: 11/7/2026**
 - Conformation Fun Match
 - DASH/Steeplechase Fun Match
- **SUNDAY: 11/8/2026**
 - Rally Fun Match
 - Nosework Fun Match



DATE CHANGE!

November 6th 2026

- Our Barrel Racing fundraiser will be lumped in with the Fall Festival and will take place on Friday evening inside an arena used for ACTUAL barrel racing!
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive CASH PRIZES
- More info will come out closer to the event, but start practicing now!

In Person Door-Raffle Time!

- Check out some of our cool new club stickers!

Want to win cool stuff?

Make sure you're at the next meeting in-person to qualify!



NEXT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY September 2nd 2026

- Location: Camo Cross Dog Training (At The Farm)
Zoom call available
- Time: 7:30 pm
 - Agenda: Finalize volunteer roles for Fall Fest

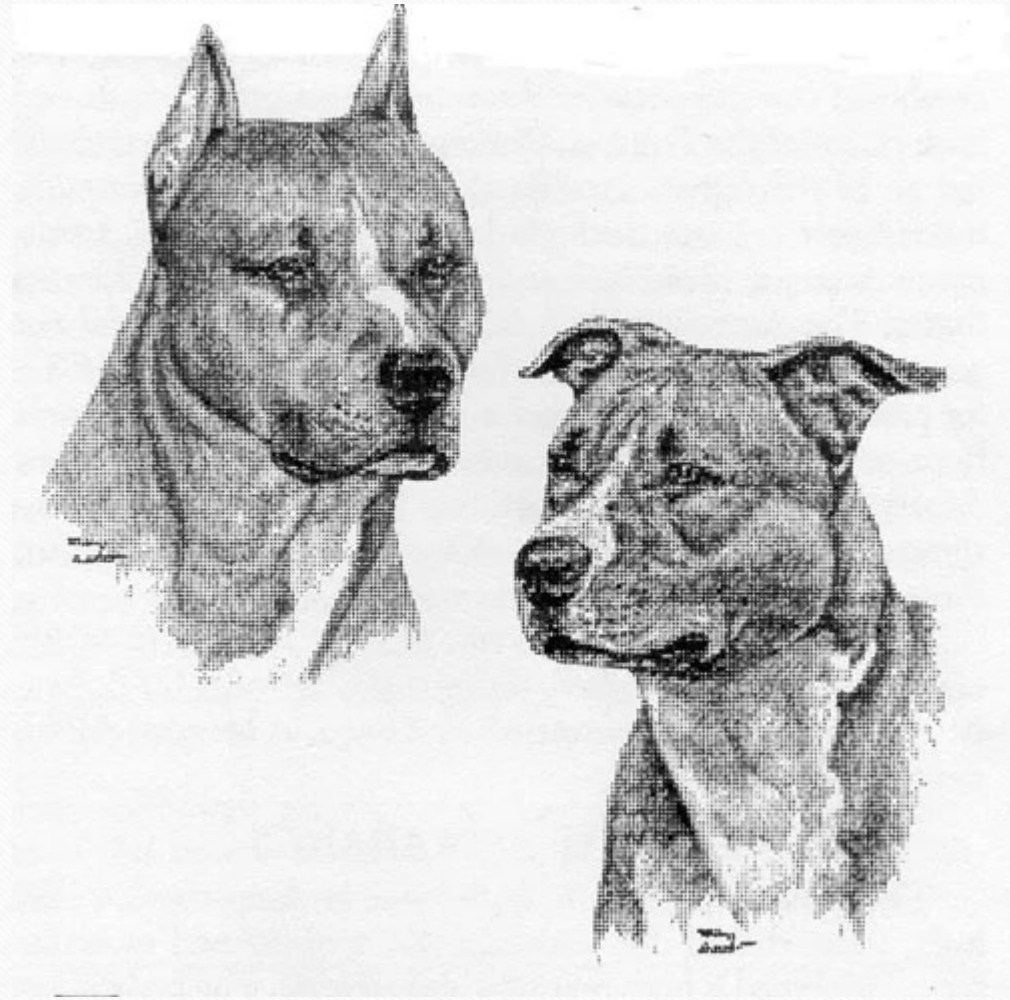


August 2026: Breed
Spotlight Presenter Is...

Cheryl Rauh

presenting

American Pit Bull
Terriers



Meet the Member

My name is Cheryl and I have been involved with the pit bull type dogs for over 10 years.

- I have had 5 pit bull type dogs + fosters – 4 rescues and 1 registered APBT.
- I currently have 3:
 - Oscar, 7 y/o APBT/AmStaff Type
 - Luci, 5 y/o ABPT/Bulldog
 - June, 2 APBT (Weight Pull Bred)
- We compete in pit bull drive sports, weight pull, wall climb, mill race, spring pole. We also compete in nose games like barn hunt, scent work, and trailing. We dabble in agility, dock diving, and rally.
- My favorite things about the breed are their tenacity and muscl-y hams!



Breed Origin & History

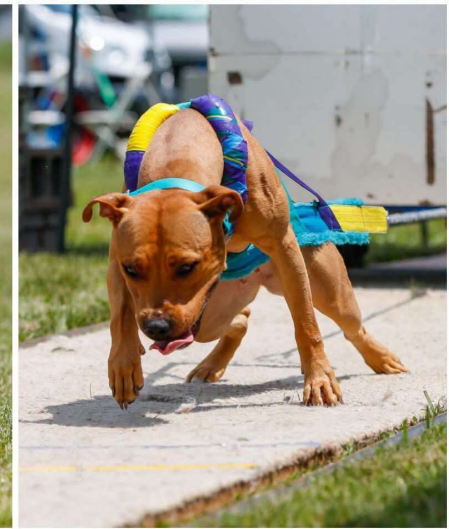
Large Animal Catch Dogs

When & Where: England, Ireland, and Scotland in the 1870s and popularized in the US soon after.

What: Terrier and bulldog crosses.

Historic Use: Multi-purpose for hunting, driving livestock, and family companions; especially good at catching and holding large prey like semi-feral cattle and wild hogs.

Modern Use: Hog hunting, family companions, and diverse dog sports – especially weight pull!



Breed Origin & History

Fun Facts

The very 1st registered UKC dog was an APBT named Bennetts Ring, owned by UKC Founder C.Z. Bennett (1898)

The highest ranking dog in the US Military was Sargent Stubby, a pit bull mix that served for 18 months and participated in 17 battles in WWI.



Breed Origin & History Cont. Breed Confusion

Generic “pit bull” vs. a true APBT: the public use of the term is often inclusive of an inconsistent array of other breeds including American Staffordshire Terrier, American Bullies, American Bulldogs, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, and more. This umbrella confuses the public understanding, identification, and breed statistics.



The Breed Standard – Physical

Important traits: 30-55 lb females / 35 – 60 lbs males | | 17 – 21” tall

Large broad head with prominent cheeks.

Broad and deep muzzle.

Narrow skull that tapers through the nose.

Round, medium sized eyes set well apart.

Any color accepted except merle

Faults: Overdone head, short legs.

Disqualifications: Albinism



The Breed Standard – Temperament

Should be:

- Confident
- Tenacious
- Eager to Please

Should **not** be: Shy, timid, or human aggressive.



Pit Bull Health Risks



Breed Health: Common Concerns

- Allergies
- Ligament tears
- Hip dysplasia
- Mast Cell Tumors
- Curled/Kinked Tails

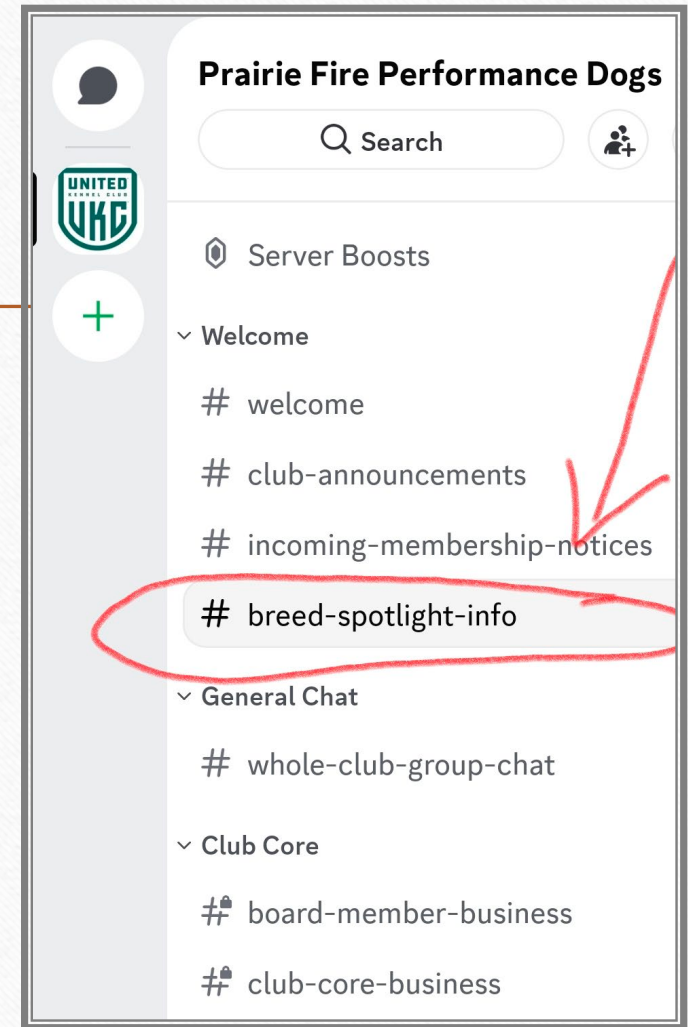
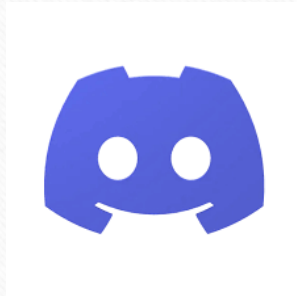
Meet Your Local APBT!

- This is Juniper and she is a 2 years old weight pull bred APBT.
- She was gifted to me by her sire's owner so she could have more opportunities to participate in weight pull!
- Current Sports: UPF / ADBA weight pull, mill race, lure chase, and wall climb.
- Sports under development: dock diving, barn hunt, ADBA conformation, nosework, rally, and agility.
- Fun Fact - her sire, dam, and every single littermate are all brindle! She was the only surprise red dog!



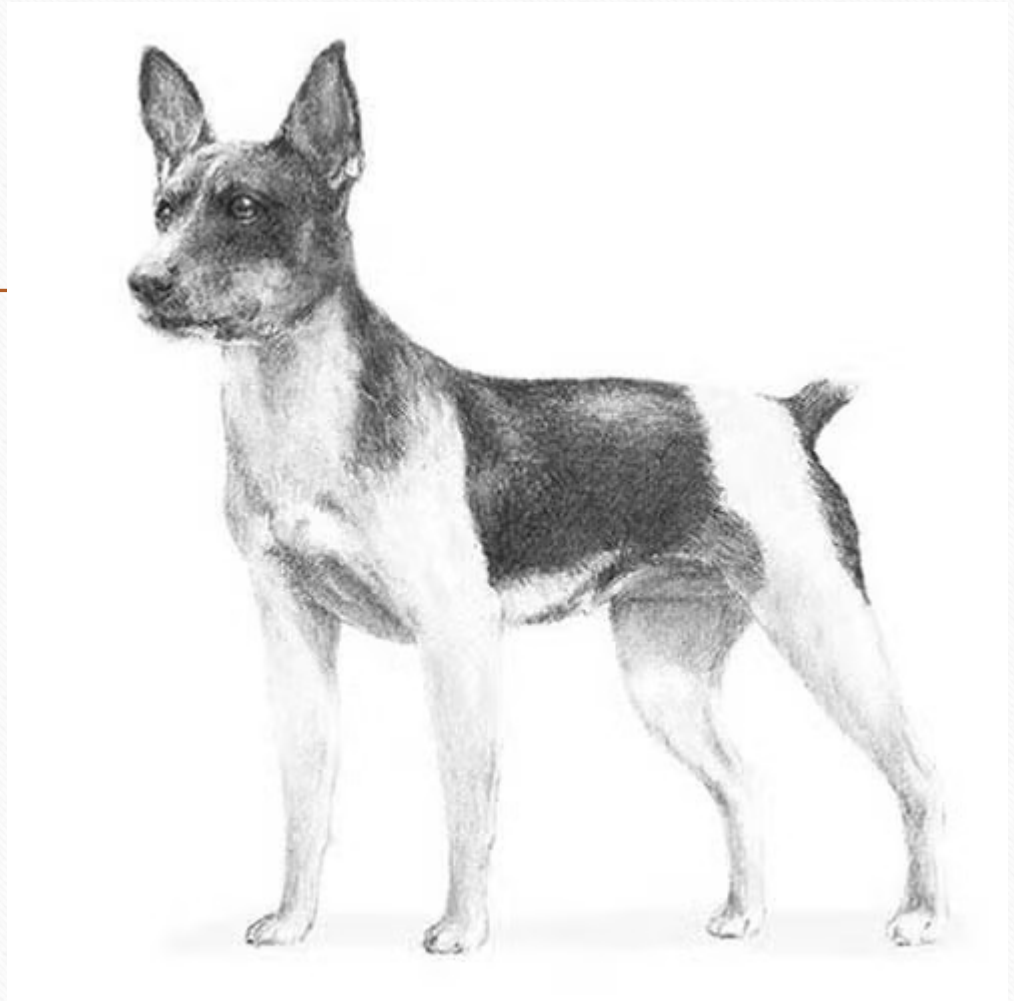
Want to Present Your Breed?

Post in the appropriate Discord channel and we will add your info to the draw pool!



August 2026: Breed Spotlight
Presenter Is...

Payton Day
presenting
Rat Terriers



Breed Spotlight Tracking

Each breed can only be presented once every 24 months

March 2026 – Labrador Retrievers (Laura McGowan)	September 2026 – Rat Terriers (Payton Day)	March 2027 -	September 2027 -
April 2026 – Hungarian Mudi (Ashleigh Hamilton)	October 2026 - Boston Terriers (Allison Shore)	April 2027 -	October 2027 -
May 2026 – Swedish Vallhunds (Tulene Farwell)	November 2026 – PFPD Fall Fest – No Breed Spotlight	May 2027 -	November 2027 -
June 2026 – Silken Windhounds (Kassandra Andrews)	December 2026 -	June 2027 -	December 2027 -
July 2026 – German Shepherds (Khelsea Loh)	January 2027 -	July 2027-	January 2027 -
August 2026 – American Pit Bull Terriers (Cheryl Rauh)	February 2027 -	August 2027 -	February 2027 -



Questions?
Lets Hear Them!