

THE BULLMASTIFF LEGACY



The Burns Family Ranch

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From Ancient Guardians to Modern
Champions

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the loyal guardians who came before us,
to the champions standing proudly in our care,
and to the families who trust us to carry this legacy forward.

To every Bullmastiff past, present, and future —
you are more than companions.
You are protectors, healers, and living reminders of devotion.

With gratitude,
Suzette, Chris & The Burns Family
BFR Bullies • Where Heart Meets Heritage

Guardians of Heart & Heritage

At BFR Bullies, we don't just breed Bullmastiffs — we raise guardians, companions, and future champions. Each puppy carries a story written long before they take their first breath, one rooted in loyalty, devotion, and silent strength.

For centuries, mastiff-type dogs have stood as protectors of families, estates, and sacred treasures. Today, that same legacy lives on through carefully selected pairings, uncompromising ethics, and generations of champions raised with heart, precision, and purpose.

At the heart of BFR Bullies is Suzette — whose passion for the breed has grown into a program trusted by families and celebrated by judges. Every puppy born here represents more than a pedigree — it's a promise to honor the Bullmastiff's ancient history and ensure its brilliance for generations to come.

Ancient Origins & Mystical Roots

The Bullmastiff's story begins thousands of years ago, tracing back to the mighty Molossian war dogs of ancient Greece and Rome. Revered for their strength and courage, these dogs were used by Roman legions to guard wealth, defend territories, and stand side by side with warriors on the battlefield.

Over time, mastiff-type dogs became symbols of guardianship and sacred protection across many cultures. Known as the “silent giants,” their presence evoked trust, reverence, and respect — a blend of power and gentleness rarely found in the animal kingdom.

That lineage flows through today's Bullmastiffs — dogs who embody the same courage, loyalty, and enduring devotion that once made them living legends.

The Gamekeeper's Night Dog

Fast forward to 19th-century England. Massive estates stretched for miles, and gamekeepers were tasked with protecting the land from poachers. They needed a dog unlike any other — powerful enough to stop an intruder, yet disciplined enough not to harm them unnecessarily.

Enter the Bullmastiff: a purpose-built cross between the stately English Mastiff (60%) and the agile Bulldog (40%). This unique pairing created the ultimate balance of strength, speed, and control.

The Gamekeeper's Night Dog

Nicknamed the “Gamekeeper’s Night Dog,” Bullmastiffs worked silently under cover of darkness. Unlike barking watchdogs, they were trained to track quietly, move swiftly, and pin intruders without making a sound until their handler arrived.

The most famous of these guardians, the Thorneywood Terror, became a living legend — demonstrating unmatched precision and restraint in early public exhibitions.

Champions of Today

(Featuring BFR Bullies' Winners)

From estate guardians to AKC champions, the Bullmastiff's excellence has stood the test of time. At BFR Bullies, Suzette has proudly carried this legacy forward, producing home-raised puppies that go on to shine in the show ring — and in the hearts of their families.

Champion BFR Cash On Rowdy Rousey

- Earned a four-point major and reserve win at her very first AKC competition.
- Judges praised her flawless structure, commanding presence, and effortless grace.

Champions of Today

Newest AKC Champion

- Crowned Best of Opposite and Best of Winners.
- Recognized for her classic Bullmastiff head, balanced proportions, and steady temperament.

These champions represent what BFR Bullies does best: producing dogs who embody both the beauty and the heart of the breed.



The BFR Bullies Difference

What sets BFR Bullies apart isn't just pedigrees — it's passion, ethics, and care:

- AKC Certified & ABA Member

Officially recognized and trusted for champion-quality breeding.

- Health-First Approach

Parents undergo extensive testing: hips, elbows, eyes, cardiac, and full DNA panels.

- Home-Raised & Socialized

Puppies grow up in the heart of the home, exposed to everyday sights, sounds, and family life.

- Enrichment & Early Training

From litter-box training to structured play, each puppy receives individualized care.

- Lifetime Breeder Support

Suzette stays connected — helping families with training tips, nutrition plans, and guidance every step of the way.

At BFR Bullies, breeding is more than a program. It's a promise.

Recommended Essentials by BFR Bullies.

Handpicked nutrition, training tools, and health products we personally use and recommend.

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The Spirit of the Bullmastiff

Powerful. Loyal. Silent. Devoted.

Bullmastiffs embody an extraordinary paradox: a gentle guardian with a lion's heart. They thrive as family companions, blending protective instincts with unmatched affection.

Historically bred for courage, today's Bullmastiffs also excel in emotional connection — they know when to stand guard and when to simply rest at your feet, content to belong fully to their family.

Their symbolism remains timeless:

- **Guardianship:** Protectors of both home and heart.
- **Strength with Softness:** Fierce loyalty wrapped in quiet gentleness.
- **Devotion Beyond Measure:** Once bonded, they are yours for life.

Living With a Legend

Owning a Bullmastiff is a privilege — and a responsibility. These magnificent dogs need more than space; they need connection, leadership, and love.

Quick Breed Facts

- Average Weight: 100–130 lbs
- Temperament: Calm, loyal, affectionate
- Training Style: Positive reinforcement + consistency
- Energy Level: Moderate — loves walks, thrives indoors with family

Living With a Legend

- Life Expectancy: 7–9 years
- Best For: Families seeking a devoted protector and companion

With the right environment, a Bullmastiff becomes more than a pet — they become family, protector, and confidant.

Inside the Heart of BFR Bullies

For Suzette, breeding Bullmastiffs isn't just a calling — it's a lifelong passion. Every pairing is intentional, every puppy raised with devotion, and every champion celebrated like family.

BFR Bullies is proud to produce homegrown champions while helping families find their perfect companions. Whether they're earning titles in the ring or keeping watch by your side, BFR puppies carry the same legacy: loyalty, courage, and heart.

“The amount of time they spend with the fur-babies is truly amazing... We had video chats whenever we wanted and received help and guidance every step of the way.” — BFR Puppy Family

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About Suzette, Chris & The Burns Family Ranch

Nestled on Burns Family Ranch, Suzette and her family have built BFR Bullies on a foundation of love, integrity, and dedication to the Bullmastiff breed.

For Suzette, raising Bullmastiffs isn't just a program — it's a passion rooted in respect for the breed's ancient legacy and a commitment to the highest standards of care. Every dog is raised in the heart of the home, surrounded by family, socialized from birth, and nurtured to thrive as both companions and champions.

Our Mission

At BFR Bullies, our goal is simple:

- To honor the Bullmastiff's heritage.
- To produce healthy, well-balanced, AKC-quality dogs.
- To help families find their perfect lifelong guardian and friend.

Burns Family Ranch

Located in a serene countryside setting in the heart of Texas. The Burns Family Ranch is designed with the dogs' happiness in mind — wide open spaces, natural enrichment, and a family-driven approach that ensures every puppy gets the time, care, and attention they deserve.

For Suzette and Chris, it's not just about breeding exceptional Bullmastiffs.

It's about raising living legacies.