



The Bully Times

Bull Terrier Club of Dallas Newsletter

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Spring Specialties

Friday, April 1st:
Mr. Phil Jaspers

Saturday, April 2nd:
Dr. Dale Schuur

Saturday Sweepstakes:
Ms. Lynn Ferguson-Cash

Sunday, April 3rd:
Ms. Jan Dykema

We always look forward to sharing our BTCD Texas hospitality! Great food, great conversation and of course... great Bull Terriers!

Please join us for our Saturday luncheon and raffle!

Bull Terrier Club of Dallas

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The Tri County Dog Training Facility
8064 Briar Rd
Azle, TX 76020

Because there's a little bit of cowboy in all of us!

BTCD Annual Specialty

Coming soon to a training center near...us!

Be there, or be square

Robin Bishop

We are hosting our annual combined BTCA & BTCD ROM Specialty Show in April. While the show is not in the big city of Dallas, it's in the beautiful outskirts and is quite the relaxing journey from the hotel. Located at the Tri County Dog Training center at 8064 Briar Road in Azle, TX 76020. The facility is open to us on:

FRIDAY, April 1, 2016 - 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, April 2, 2016 - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, April 3, 2016 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

which includes set up time. We ask that all grooming areas have the floors lined with the material we're providing so the floors do not get stained with our canine whitening "magic powders" and so we're welcome to use the facility in years to come.

We will be hosting a barbeque luncheon between the colored and white show on Saturday. Plates are \$15.00 per person and reservations are necessary so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone. Please contact Doris Grissom at 972-642-8825 to reserve your goodies or email her at doris.grissom@gmail.com.

We also plan to have some t-shirts and other bull terrier goodies for sale as well as our annual silent auction and raffle to support the club.

La Quinta Inn & Suites

Our host hotel is the La Quinta Inn & Suites at 1405 S. Hwy 287 in Decatur, TX 76234 (940)627-9603. If you intend to stay at this hotel, -please specify you are with the Bull Terrier Club of Dallas to Receive Special Rate of \$75.00 for 2 Queen Beds or 1 King Bed per night. And, there is no pet fee!

We hope to see you, and your bully, there!

**COWBOY UP TEXAS STYLE!!
SHOW OFF YOUR BEST WESTERN
WEAR AT THE SHOW, SATURDAY,
APRIL 2ND.
EVERYONE WILL HAVE A
CHANCE TO WIN AN AWARD FOR
BEST DRESSED
COWBOY OR COWGIRL!**

Mastermind (Part 1 of 2)

James Hinks and the Bull Terrier

Text and illustration by Ria Horter

Most dog breeds were developed after hundreds of years of evolution and lengthy selection by breeders. However, some breeds owe their existence to just one person.



*James Hinks (1829-1878)
Creator of the modern Bull Terrier*

BIRMINGHAM, AN IMMENSE WORKSHOP

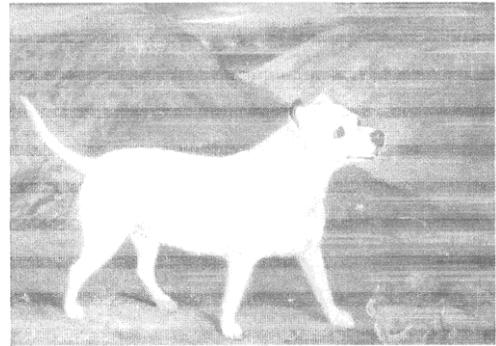
James Hinks (1829- 1878) was born in the city of Mullingar, the county town of Westmeath, one of the poorest places in Ireland. His parents were John Hinks- a shoemaker – and Charlotte Callew. In those days, a shoemaker earned only enough to keep his family from starvation. Typhus, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases were widespread; contaminated water caused cholera outbreaks throughout the 19th century. James's father spent some time in the army and because the family lived at various locations in the vicinity of barracks, he may have been a military shoemaker. By around 1851, the Hinks family had moved; they lived at Phillips Street, Coventry Street and Balsall Street in Birmingham, an industrial town described as "...an immense workshop, a huge forge, a vast shop. One hears nothing but the sound of hammers and the whistle of steam escaping from boilers."

Not surprisingly James second son of John and Charlotte – began his career as a brass founder – by 1840, more than 3,500 people were working in Birmingham's foundries and living in small, dark workers' houses with poor sanitation and shared

by several large families. Still, James Hinks was in a privileged position: he had a job and an income.

HIGGLERAND POULTRY DEALER

In January 1851, James Hinks married Elizabeth Moorein Saint Phillips Church, Birmingham, and their first son, James II, was born in December. Daughter Mary was born in 1853, followed by Frederick in 1854. During this period, James became a "higgler" (trader) and poultry dealer. These professions were obviously a little higher up the social ladder, because Hinks became a registered trader in the Market Hall and was also breeding foreign and domestic birds and rabbits. His Bulldog 'Old Madman' was born in 1855, so apart from birds, rabbits and poultry, he also became a dog breeder and dealer.



"Bull Terrier in a Landscape" by Henry Bernard Chalon, circa 1847

James Hinks was no goody-goody; several times in his life he came into conflict with the law. We know that around 1855 he served a few months in prison for selling rabbits stolen from the vicar's garden. Another conviction followed when a police man asked him to remove a crate of chickens from a walkway and Hinks punched the man. Still, he was making progress in life and became the owner of premises close to the Market Hall; very convenient for the retention of stock. Several times, he and his family moved to more spacious accommodation.

The Hinks family grew rapidly; their fourth child, Alfred, was born in 1855, and their eight and last, Louisa, in 1864.

Although Hinks had been selling dogs since the mid- 1850s, he was never identified as a dog dealer on his children's birth certificates. Only later, in the mid-1860s, he was listed as a 'bird and dog dealer' in a Birmingham street directory.

It is supposed that James became a dog dealer after the birth of most of his children. It was always his wife who registered the birth of their children. Maybe because of the high child mortality rates, Elizabeth Hinks waited a couple of months before registering her children. However, James and Elizabeth seemed to be very lucky, because none of their eight children died as an infant.

TRADER IN BIRDS AND DOGS

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HEALTHY CANINE CORNER

Fleas

The amount of rain we have seen in our area the last few months has created the perfect breeding conditions for those pesky little critters that give us all a serious case of the itchies. While fleas prefer possums and cats, they have no problem making their home on your canine companion.



Fleas are not just annoying, but if left unattended they can become very dangerous causing anemia, allergic reactions, skin infections, and, in some cases, death. They can even lead to infestation of tapeworms which are not pleasant to deal with. An infestation can also be very difficult to eradicate requiring multiple types of chemicals, and a pretty penny. So how do you know what is safest for your bully? First, and foremost, always consult your veterinarian when it comes to medications and prescriptions. But educating yourself in the matter is the best line of defense...or at least a good place to start. The smartest thing to do is to prevent your pup from ever getting fleas to begin with.

The market has been flooded with all sorts of pills, drops, sprays, and powders so how do we know what is best for our pups? Every dog is different, so what works well for someone else's dog, may not work well for yours.

TOPICALS:

Sprays or drops have been around longer than most other products and have been effective for years. Because of the years of use, some of them have been tested and proven to be safe for puppies, breeding and nursing animals, and for long periods of time. However, some of them seem to be having breakthroughs, like the fleas are becoming immune to them. These can also be a bit messy, and some animals can have reactions to them like hair loss or burns. These can poison the fleas on contact, or after the

flea has bitten the treated animal. In most cases it takes 24-72 hours for the flea to die after coming in contact with the chemical.

SYSTEMIC (PILLS)

With science and technology, comes convenience! There are a few products available that can be given daily or monthly for the treatment and/or prevention of fleas. In the instance flea preventions that are given orally, the flea must first bite before it is killed. This is not necessarily ideal for our pooches with flea-bite allergies, BUT once they bite the fleas often die within an hour which mean less opportunities to bite than those topicals which take 24-72 hours. These can be a bit more concerning if there is an allergic reaction to the medication. Mild reactions include vomiting, diarrhea, or even lethargy, but some more severe can be seizures. Oral treatment reactions can be a little more difficult to treat for those medications that are in the system for 30-90 days because of the "time release" but those reactions are very few and far between.

BROAD SPECTRUM

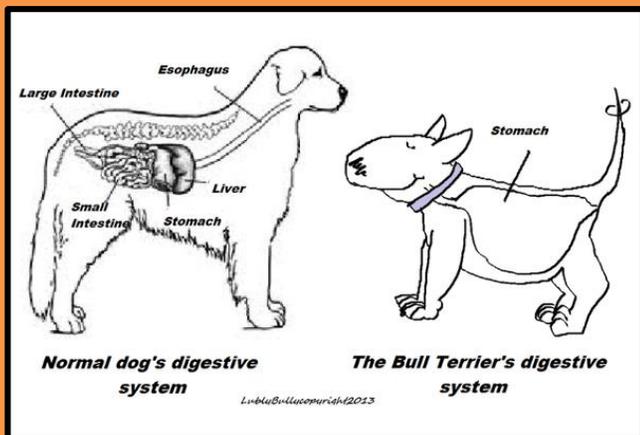
There are more and more products available that act as a flea prevention as well as protecting against heartworm disease, intestinal parasites and even ticks. These tend to be very convenient as we only have to give our dogs one tablet or topical application once a month which also makes it easier to keep them protected all year long. Crazy Texas weather can give us freezing temperatures one day and 70° the next which is why they should be protected year round. Flea eggs can also stay dormant in the environment for up to a year so while you may not see any this year, you may have an outbreak during warm spells or a year later. This may also be the reason you start seeing fleas a few months after moving into a new location.

ENVIRONMENT

If you already have a flea infestation, it is just as important to treat the environment as it is to treat the pets. For best results, treat everything and everyone simultaneously. This may mean leaving your critter at the vet or groomer for the day for their flea treatment while you have your home treated. There are self-treat chemicals available, just make sure you read the label carefully and follow the directions closely to ensure it is safe for you and your pet as well as how long they have to be out of the area while the treatment is performed. Make sure all of the pets in the home are treated, as well. Just because you have a cat or another dog that never goes outside does not mean

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BULL TERRIER FUNNIES



This cute clip was found online:

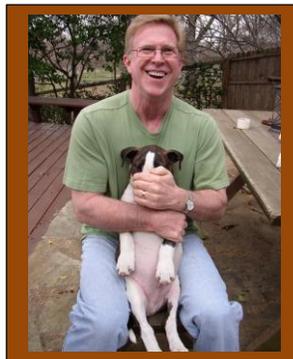
<https://twitter.com/venburchou/status/289439052820779008>

Have a cute clip, comic, or photo of your bully that you want to appear in the next edition of the BTCD Bully Times? Email Robin Bishop at RebelNJ7@aol.com.

Bullies Being Silly!



In this shot, the elusive Dory is showing us how camouflaged she is in her natural environment. She may be difficult to see, but if you watch closely, you can see her moving...



Breeder, Steven Schmidt, is showing baby Arlie the best way for a bull terrier to behave – see nothing, smell nothing, and still – somehow – find trouble!

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SAY CHEESE!

HOME MADE DOG TREATS

Want to offer a tasty treat (other than your favorite pair of shoes) for your bully? Try this recipe:

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups whole wheat flour
 3/4 cup toasted wheat germ
 1/4 cup brewers yeast
 1/3 cup natural chunky peanut butter
 1 large egg
 3/4 cup low sodium chicken broth
 3 tablespoons canola oil

PREPARATION

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a large shallow baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Combine the flour, wheat germ and brewers yeast in a medium bowl. Whisk together the peanut butter, egg, broth and oil in a separate bowl. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and stir with a spoon or rubber spatula until a rough dough forms. Knead the dough in the bowl 5-6 times until it comes together.

3. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and roll to a 1/4-inch thickness. With a 3-inch dog bone shaped cookie cutter, cut out treats and transfer to the prepared baking sheet. Press all the scraps together, kneading once or twice, then roll out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut out more treats; repeat if necessary.

4. Bake treats until lightly browned and fairly hard, rotating the pans from top to bottom once, about 30-35 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool completely; biscuits will harden as they cool. Store in an airtight container.



Photo: Marge Perry

Years before James was listed in the street directory as a 'bird and dog dealer', he was breeding and selling dogs. Didn't he want to be listed as a dog breeder? Was he trying to avoid tax?

In 1865, the Hinks family moved to 53 Worcester Street, taking over the Sportsman Alehouse. We know this address from the 'Great Annual Exhibition of Sporting and Other Dogs' show catalogue. The Sportsman Alehouse, visited by traders and fish mongers, was not a fancy beer house. There was a lot of competition between Hinks' business and the pubs in the vicinity. Although James applied for a publican's license, he never got one. Was this because of his earlier convictions and small crashes with the law? We just don't know.

In 1877, James Hinks contracted tuberculosis and died in May 1878. He was only 49 years old and left a widow and 8 children, aged 13 to 26. He died at Belgrave Road, an area for middle class residents. Born in one of the poorest places in Ireland, he had lifted his family from the slumps and accumulated an estate worth £450. According to his will, the house was inherited by his wife Elizabeth. There was very little attention to his death: only one line in the *Birmingham Daily Post*.

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AMUSEMENT AND SPECTACLE

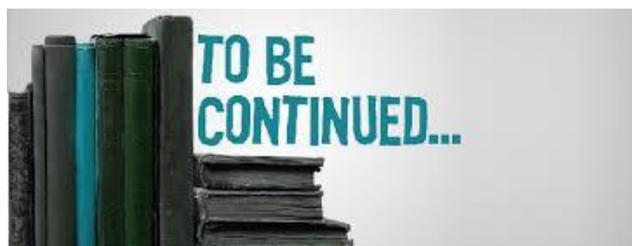
In writing about the history of the Bull Terrier, one must mention the early history of Bulldogs and Terriers. From the 13th century, dogs had been used for bull-baiting, a kind of public entertainment. Dogs of a Bulldog type fought with a bull in a ring or a pit. It was an amusement and a spectacle appreciated and enjoyed even in the highest circles. To make the show more interesting, breeders began crossing Bulldogs for strength and Terriers for their speed, fierceness and versatility. Those Terriers were working Terriers, in a range of types, sizes and coat colors.

Bull, bear, and badger-baiting was banned in Britain in 1835, but many illegal fights continued to be organized in pubs or secret pits. By the 1860s, vigilant police forces had eliminated the pits from the cities and the fights moved to remote areas. Kevin Kanr, Hinks' biographer, believes that James Hinks was never involved in dog fighting – why should he risk his show dogs in a pit where they could be killed or mutilated?



"Bull Baiting" by Henry Aiken, .1823

TERRIER BLOOD



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your bull terrier cannot carry them in and share with his house mates!

WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK?

With so many options, it may be difficult to choose what to use to keep your canine companion flea-free. What is most important is to know what is best for you and your pet and asking your veterinarian for help is a good way to learn how. There are some treatments with contraindications meaning they cannot be given if your pet is already taking a certain medication that is or is not related to parasite prevention. Some medications may be very safe for your dog, but extremely toxic to your cats – so keep this in mind as well. If you plan on breeding your pet, it is also vital to make sure the medication you choose is safe for breeding and nursing animals. Because of the stringent FDA regulations and screening processes, many of these medications have not been tested for breeding animals, so be sure you as your vet! And, unfortunately, some veterinarians may be unaware or uneducated on certain treatments so be ready to do your own homework to corroborate their advice. You can often find details on the package inserts that are usually very easily downloaded online or ask your veterinarian for a copy of a product you may be interested in. If they do not have it in their hospital, they should be able to contact their pharmaceutical representative for details. Make sure you're ready BEEFORE the fleas get there!