

# Bull Terrier: Temperament and Personality



HEY, DID YOU FORGET US?

Just what behavior should I expect in my potential Bull Terrier companion?

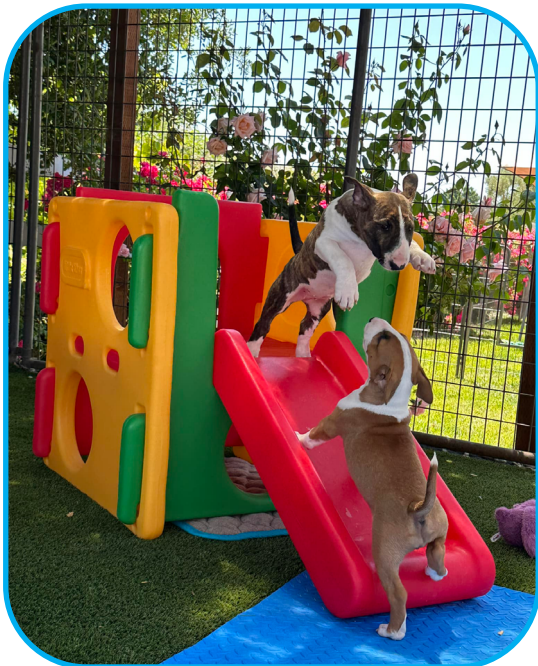
First and foremost, **Bull Terriers have a distinctive temperament and personality.**

**Temperament and personality** are the distinctive characteristics of an animal's nature. The biological traits and tendencies it's born with (genes/hard-wiring), and the subsequent experiences, attitudes and learning it acquires, all of which affects **its behavior**.



I LOVE YOU, MOM!!

**Ebullient:** **cheerful**, with great **ZEST** for life. They have a strong commitment to loving life and having a good time at it.



FULL OF GO, WITH LITTLE WHOA! OOPS!  
IS OUR MANTRA.



WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT WITH JOY.

## Outgoing!



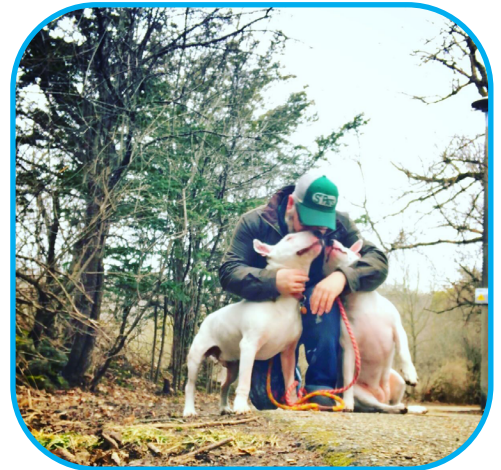
"LIVE YOUR LIFE AS AN  
EXCLAMATION..."  
- SIR ISAAC NEWTON

**Infectious  
personality** that  
wins and holds  
friends.



**Exceedingly friendly  
with people and very  
endearing.**

From the first breed  
Standard, quoted by  
Stonehenge in 1886, "*A  
loving temperament is of  
great importance*".



LOVE IS A CONTACT SPORT.

**A dog full of affection,**  
which he delights in lavishing on those he loves...  
While they are perfectly happy to see you pleased,  
they do not live to please you,  
they are not at all about flattering your ego.



"POSSESSED OF A GREAT TURN OF GAITY & DROLLERY" - SIR WALTER SCOTT

**They have a great sense of humor** - of clownish nature, they love to be the center of attention and to ham-it-up. They are a constant source of entertainment to those around them.



STAND-UP COMEDY WITH A LITTLE DEMOLITION THROWN IN!



MISCHIEF MANAGED!

**They like to be entertained:** and if they don't have it - they'll create it. They have an unwitting way of finding mischief.



DEDICATED ENGINEERS OF MAYHEM.



**Always ready to engage in a spirited frolic or contest.**

**Bull Terriers very much thrive on affection  
and enjoy the comforts in life:**



Once considered the  
gladiator of the canine  
race,  
they are now people dogs.  
The best of companions.  
Dogs that *must* be with you  
at all times.



YOU MAY NEVER KNOW PERSONAL SPACE AGAIN.



**ENERGETIC!!**

Needful of avenues to employ mind and body.  
They love to zoom.  
Versatile athletes.



BALLS, BALLS, BALLS!



THE EVEL KNIEVEL'S  
OF DOGDOM.



THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN FLY.

**In both body and soul our dogs are a unique blend.  
Terrier spirit, Bulldog determination,  
one unmistakable Bull Terrier.**

All Terrier at heart:

Keen and *intensely* inquisitive.

Intelligent.

Ever alert and *highly* engaged with their environment.

Always prepared for the unexpected.

*Fervently* devoted to their task at hand.

In true terrier fashion, the Bull Terrier is an **independent and free thinker**.

*The commitment is to self and the moment.*

If asked, a Bull Terrier might state that their goal is to make one laugh and leave the serious work to other breeds better suited for it.



IT IS THEIR NATURE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE HECK LIVES DOWN EVERY HOLE...



Enriched with Bulldog substance and grit:

You will never say Bull Terrier and easy-to-influence in the same sentence.

They don't subscribe to the "just because I said so" school of training.

Their cooperation and team thinking will only be secured through a trusting *relationship*, jackpot pay-offs, skillfull management and world-class *negotiation*.



"LIVING WITHOUT LAUGHING ISN'T LIVING...  
-RALPH WALDO EMERSON



Sunny Days

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**The Bull Terrier stands as a truly singular companion, in a class of its own:**

We certainly agree with Best In Show's famous quote, "God loves a Terrier". And we especially love our Bull Terriers. However, it is wise to couple our love and their zeal with Suzanne Clothier's wisdom, "aim for an adjustable thermostat". The terrier "fire" of the past has been tempered. Their agile bodies and high spirits have been maintained at the same level of those gladiators of old, but their inclinations now have been directed into more peaceful channels.



**NOSEWORK: SNIFF IT OUT!**



**ALWAYS READY TO LEND A PAW!**

**They should be resilient dogs:** able to withstand and bounce back quickly from surprising or upending circumstances, their legendary **optimism** and **enthusiasm** intact. They should be **adaptable** to new people and situations, not being disconcerted but **self-assured** and **confident**.

From BT Specialty Judge, and long-time stalwart, Anita Bartell, "In this era of widespread anti-dog sentiment, **sound temperament** is the one element of the Bully makeup that is not negotiable. Beauty these days must be more than skin deep. The average Bully has a cheerful, outgoing, fearless, **emotionally stable disposition**, qualities that make him a *good citizen* and a *great companion*... any 'acting up' should always be completely good-natured".

A Bull Terrier should not be heedless or reckless, neither aggressive, shy or nervous. Threatening behavior towards people is not to be tolerated.



A STUDY IN BOTH STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND BODY

**Courageous:**  
Bull Terriers have ***pluck*** - that extra spark of **courage** or **resilience** to tackle challenges head-on, not afraid to take on whatever life throws at them.

