



Sherri Flosi

President

My husband and I had our first “Pit Bull” that was a Pit Bull Terrier/Labrador mix. I rescued him at 6 weeks old in 2006 and we had him less than 3 years due to a genetic medical condition he had. We loved the pit bull characteristic traits of his personality, loyalty, and bond that he had with us. After he died, we looked for a purebred American Pit Bull Terrier that had healthy parents so we could be assured that we would have him longer than 3 years. We bought “Bull” UWPCH GRCH Flosi’s Bull Dozer D-9 of SPK, CGC who is now going to be nine years old this year. He was our first UKC registered dog and where our story begins with the UKC American Pit Bull Terrier.

We have been dedicated to showing, doing performance events to show the versatility of the breed, and are strong advocates of this breed since our purchase of Bull. We health test all our dogs before breeding. If they fail in testing, we neuter or spay and if we don’t keep them, we find a good home. All our dogs we have bred have a clause in our contract that we will take them back if the owner can no longer keep them. It is critical to us that no dog get turned into a shelter. We have taken several back due to the owners personal circumstances. Some have been rehomed and some have stayed with us. We are very protective of this breed and will do whatever we can to protect the image, educate those that are unfamiliar with the breed, and fight for the rights of this breed.

Leadership skills:

I am a branch manager for a 52 year old company. All of my working life, I’ve always held leadership positions. I also worked for a non-profit as a volunteer manager and know how to motivate people to do a good job. I have served in several leadership roles for non-profit organizations and have had opportunities to turn them around financially.

Volunteer roles:

Lake Don Pedro Owners Association -President (Twice), Secretary, and Treasurer- This Association is made up of 3500 lots that span 3 different counties. This was quite an undertaking and I had to bring this association back from financial ruins when I took office in 1995. The association had just \$4000 in its account and is now a multi-million dollar association. I served for 8 years. Then in 2009 the association was having membership morale difficulties. They asked me to come back to help straighten the association out once again. I served from 2009-2014 whereas the association is now strong and stable again.

American Cancer Society 1998-2013-Sponsorship/Prize Committee Chair -this position evolved into an employee position as a Relay For Life Manager, then a Division Director.

49er Little League 1996-2003-President-Parents are like dog show owners. Quite a challenge but when you put the positive spin on things, it all works out.

Modesto Women’s Network 1992-1996-President-always uplifting working with women with the same goals of succeeding.

I'm currently a very active member of the Cali Style APBT Club in Northern California. I was the Volunteer Chairperson and Chief Ring Steward for the UKC California Classic. I am currently helping the club to upgrade their Bylaws due to many conflicting errors found in them. My husband is the club Treasurer and we were one of the driving forces to get this club back up and functioning, so more UKC shows could be held in California.

UAPBTO:

My goal with UAPBTO is to make it a functional club that the past parent club failed in. You will see in our bylaws, the stringent structure and vision this club has.

Educating our communities about the breed and characteristics is so important. There are too many "Pit Bull" type dogs that give the American Pit Bull Terrier a bad name. The breed is powerful, energetic and full of zest. People need to understand this breed is a working dog and needs to be exercised and worked. They are not couch potatoes. They need to understand the Pros and Cons as all breeds have. The communities need to recognize the difference between the different Bully breeds and that they are not all the same.

Advocating against BSL is so huge in our breed and our club needs to be the leading forefront to stop it or help find solutions that will benefit everyone. Staying on top of the BSL topics in our communities is a must so that we can coordinate and be present during critical decision making of our legislatures.

Mentorship is critical with new owners who have never owned an APBT. This breed is powerful and needs a firm owner that will be consistent in training. Not everyone can or should be an APBT owner. The health of this breed is also critical in the life expectancy and standards of our breed. If they aren't healthy, they can't be working dogs. It saddens me to hear of so many that are having heart attacks and dying before they even turn two years old

We were very careful in forming our board of directors by taking into consideration the strengths and talents that each of these individuals have and can contribute to the success of the club. They all have a similar vision of what direction this club should go, and their personalities complement each other. We have had great discussions and unanimous agreeance so far. Our board representatives cover the nation and we also have international representation.

Our board was very selective of the first 25 members so our club can start with a good solid foundation. Our membership application process will assure we have a membership that have the same vision as our mission statement and will be held accountable to our code of ethics. Future members will go through a screening process and will only be approved only if the board feels the applicants meet the club standards.

It was my pleasure to start from scratch in developing this club and bylaws. Our team is great to work with and contributed lots of positive input that helped mold the club and its documents. The entire board had a role in this and am proud of what we have accomplished thus far.

Sincerely Yours,
Sherri Flosi
President