

## How to Tape a Bull Terriers Ears

A Bull Terriers ears should naturally stand erect, if your puppy has large thick ears they might have a hard time standing on their own and may need some assistance on your part, taping might be required.

The following steps are a proven method for taping your bullies ears.

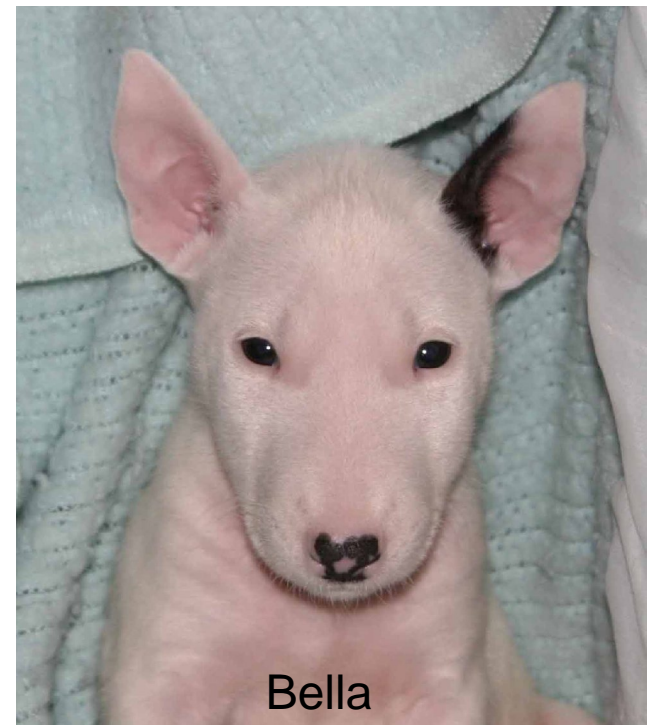
Supplies needed are cloth surgical tape, rubbing alcohol, mole foam with sticky a back purchased from any drug store, duct /gorilla tape and Neosporin.

Thick and heavy ears at five months old that required taping.



Mickey

Thin and small ears standing at just six weeks old no tape required



Bella

# Taping Procedure

## Step# 1

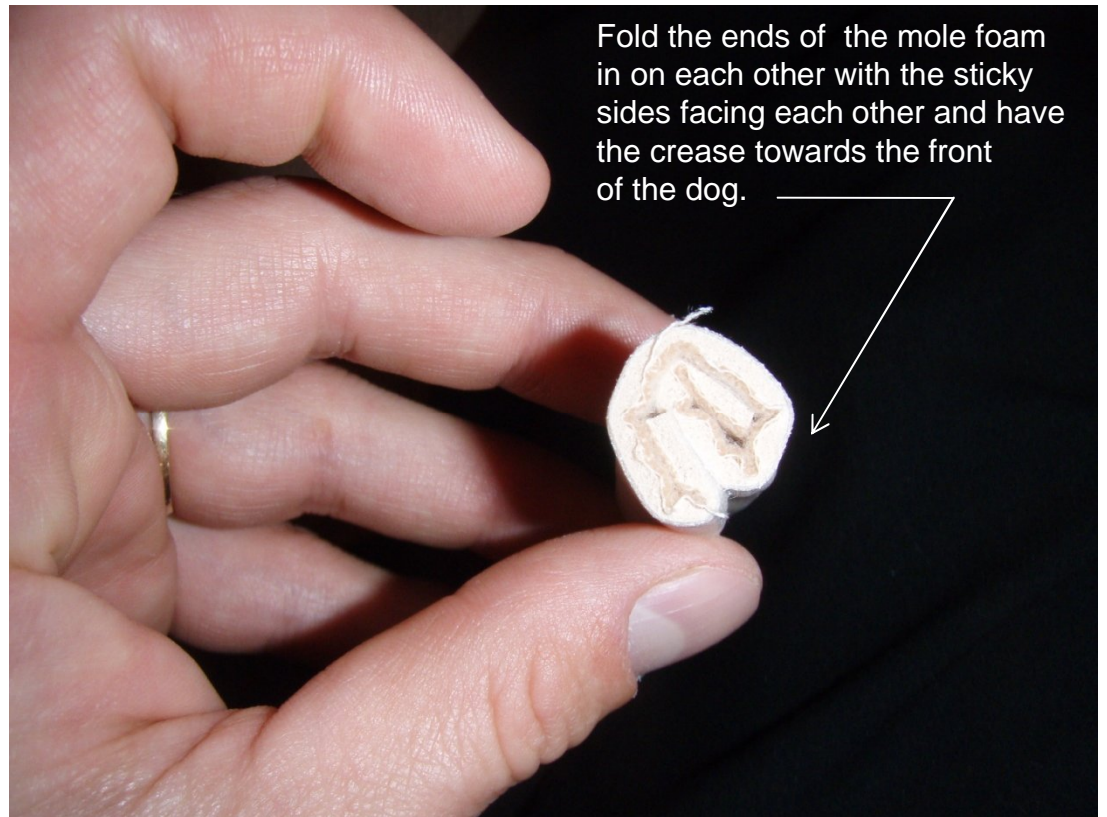
Begin by cleaning the inside of both ears with alcohol to ensure a clean surface for the tape to adhere.

## Step# 2

Take a square piece of mole foam about 2" long and fold it into a round tube shape with the sticky side facing out.

## Step#3

Place the mole foam tube in the ear at the base, do not insert into the ear canal. Wrap the ear around the foam squeezing gently to attach all around the foam.

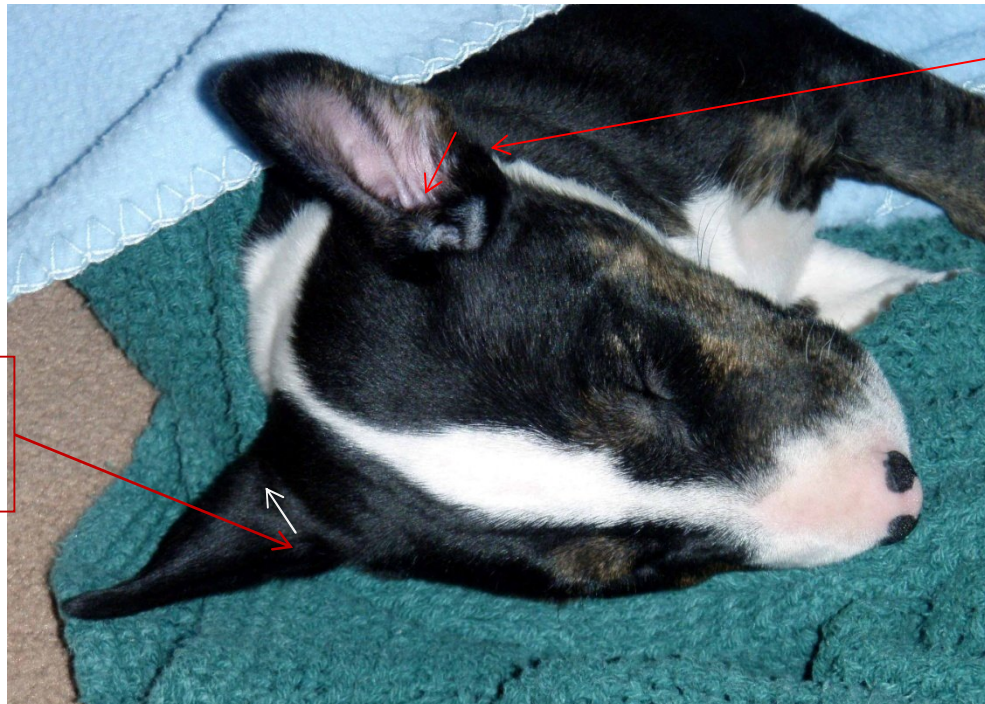


#### Step# 4

Using the cloth tape (apx.10" long) starting at the base of the ear as you wrap, start at the outside of the ear and fold in the lower outside flap, wrap the tape around the back side and now fold back the natural folded crease in the ear and tape it back as you wrap the tape around towards the front, as you reach the front of the ear make sure you stick the cloth tape to the still exposed sticky mole foam and finish the circle.

#### Step# 5

Take another piece of the cloth tape (apx. 7" long) and place it above the first piece overlapping it by about a ¼ inch and repeat the method in the last step.(make sure you cover the top of the mole foam)



The natural fold crease gets folded back under the tape.

The lower outside flap gets folded in under the tape

### Step# 6

Take a piece of the duct/gorilla tape about 1" wide and 14" long and wrap it around the back side of one ear while holding both ears straight up attach the tape to the other ear and continue around that ear to the front and back to the first ear attaching both sticky sides to each other without sticking the tape to the top of the dogs head to create a brace to hold the ears erect.

### Step# 7

Take another piece of the duct/gorilla tape (apx. 3" long) the same width and wrap it around the horizontal tape that connects the two ears to stiffen up the brace and prevent the tape from sticking to the head.

### Step# 8

Have the dog's leash ready and as soon as you finish taping take him/her on a walk to keep the attention off of the ears.



Rear View



Front View

### Step# 9

The tape must stay on for five days and hopefully the bully will leave his/her ears alone although scratching will happen and sores will show up, be patient and fight off the desire to take off the tape.

### Step# 10

On the fifth night take off the tape, clean the ears and let the ears heal and rest for a day.

### Steps# 11, 12 and 13

After a day of rest tape the ears again for another five days followed by another day of rest and a third set of five days taped up.

After the third taping the ears should be standing and your work paid off. As a supplement give your puppy Pet Tabs Calcium tablets to help after teething and to help the cartilage growth.

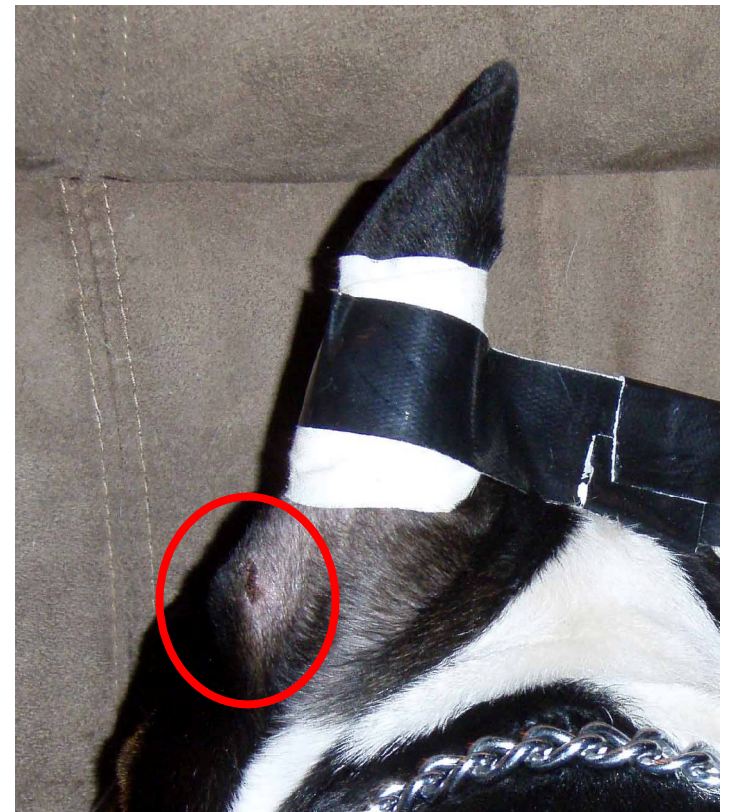
During teething the ears tend to be a little floppy.

Remember that even if the ears are erect and looking good after the first taping it is still necessary to tape the ears again to ensure success.....Good luck.

#### **Important Note:**

**If you apply the tape too tight you will cut off circulation.  
Check the ears often to make sure they don't feel cold.**

This is just a sample of what the sores can look like when they scratch. Keep the Neosporin handy.



# Success

Extremely large ears but finally up.



Bella 2 years and Mickey 5 months.



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