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## Flying Dog's new beer is like a trip to the tropics

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Flying Dog's Raging Bitch is one of my go-to beers. Imagine my surprise when I found her little sister, Tropical Bitch, at Cappy's Wines and Spirits in Loveland.

Developed for the brewery's 25th anniversary, Tropical Bitch is an interesting take on Flying Dog's popular Belgian style IPA — created for its 20th anniversary.

This breed has a golden copper body with an aggressive tawny head and intense carbonation swirling as it is poured into the glass.

The beer maintains its Belgian characteristics with a bread yeast aroma, though it is not as strong as it is in its predecessor. There is a soft blend of pineapple, mango and coconut on the nose, preparing the taste buds for a playful lick instead of a vicious bite.

Tropical Bitch still has that Tripel quality found in Raging Bitch, but it is subdued. Yeast is at the forefront, but there is an acidity to it due to the pineapple and some funk from the mango. Throughout, there is a muted pineapple hop presence and a slight spiciness which grows with each sip.

The 8 percent ABV goes unnoticed and the tropical fruitiness becomes noticeable about five minutes after finishing the bottle.

Tropical Bitch is a tame one, lighter and more refreshing than Raging Bitch. And the added fruit notes make it very smooth and easy to drink. Be sure to catch this beer soon, since it is only available now through March.



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