



ENDING BSL WITH RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

How a community fought against breed specific legislation

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A collage of four images showing pit bull dogs in various states: barking, standing, and interacting. The images are arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left image shows a dark-colored pit bull barking with its mouth open. The top-right image shows a light-colored pit bull standing in a dirt area with a large tire in the background. The bottom-left image shows a close-up of a light-colored pit bull's head with its mouth open. The bottom-right image shows a black and white pit bull lying on the ground, interacting with a white dog.

“PIT BULL” IMAGES

MONSTER MYTHS ABOUT PIT BULLS

Aren't Pit Bulls MEAN and VICIOUS?

Don't Pit Bulls have LOCKING JAWS?

**Will a Pit Bull that shows aggression towards other animals go after PEOPLE
NEXT?**

They attack small pets.

They will turn on you.

FALSE!!

Media

August 18, 2007 -

A Labrador mix attacked a 70-year-old man sending him to the hospital in critical condition. Police officers arrived at the scene and the dog was shot after charging the officers.

*This incident was reported in **ONE (1)** article and only in the local paper.*

August 19, 2007 -

A 16-month old child received fatal head and neck injuries after being attacked by a mixed breed dog.

*This attack was reported **TWO (2)** times by the local paper only.*

August 21, 2007 -

A 59-year-old woman was attacked in her home by two Pit bulls and was hospitalized with severe injuries.

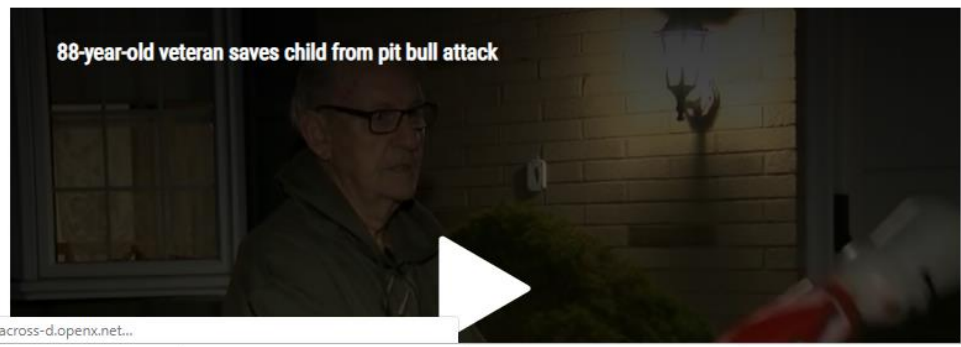
*This attack was reported in over **two hundred and thirty (230)** articles in national and international newspapers, as well as major television news networks, including CNN, MSNBC and FOX.*

Study done by National Canine Research Council <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2007/08/prweb549276.htm>

88-year-old veteran saves child from pit bull attack

POSTED 4:04 PM, NOVEMBER 27, 2019, BY WEB STAFF

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Every pet deserves a second chance.

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STOCKTON, Calif. (KTXL) — Three pit bulls attacked several people Wednesday in a Stockton neighborhood, according to police.

The Stockton Police Department reports just before 1 p.m., the pit bulls somehow got loose, escaping a home.

On Almondwood Lane near Lorraine Avenue, the dogs bit a group of people, according to police.

75-Year-Old Woman Attacked By Pit Bulls Recovering, Dog Owner In ICE Custody

November 18, 2019 at 3:02 pm
Filed Under: Animal Control, Beckley Heights Park, Critical Condition, Dallas Animal Services, Dallas police, DAS, DFW News, Felony, Martha Yescas-Lira, Pit bull attack, Pit Bulls, woman attacked by dogs

Dallas Dog Owner In ICE Custody After Pit Bulls Attack 75-Year-Old Woman

WILLIAM HILL ESTATE WINERY PAIR WITH

Dog injured in attack by loose pit bull in Norfolk

POSTED 1:20 PM, NOVEMBER 5, 2019, BY ALLISON MECHANIC, UPDATED AT 08:13PM, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

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Dog attack investigation

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Public Safety

Woman critically injured in Maryland pit bull attack

BLACK FRIDAY EVENT

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Boy attacked by 2 pit bulls in Maplewood

The boy received serious bite wounds after getting off the school bus on Monday afternoon.

Author: Lauren Leaman@KJRK
Published: 7:21 PM CST November 20, 2019
Updated: 12:42 PM CST November 21, 2019

MAPLEWOOD, Minnesota — An 11-year-old boy is recovering from serious bite wounds after being attacked by two pit bulls when he got off the school bus Monday afternoon.

"He's in a lot of pain," his mother Christina Frokjer said. "He's got multiple deep wounds in his legs."

The boy's name is Carter. He was still in the hospital Wednesday.

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Breed Specific Legislation (BSL)

- Defined by the ASPCA: Breed-specific legislation (BSL) is the blanket term for laws that either regulate or ban certain dog breeds in an effort to decrease dog attacks on humans and other animals.

- <https://www.asPCA.org/animal-cruelty/dogfighting/what-breed-specific-legislation>

BSL is predicated upon VISUAL BREED IDENTIFICATION

- Research has consistently shown that visual breed identification is very often inaccurate
- Even experts have very little agreement when visually determining breed.

<https://www.nationalcanineresearchcouncil.com/ineffective-policies/visual-breed-identification>

- “Visual identification of mixed breed dogs is very unreliable.” -*DVM 360, a veterinarian publication.*

<http://veterinarycalendar.dvm360.com/dog-breed-identification-and-what-it-means-proceedings>

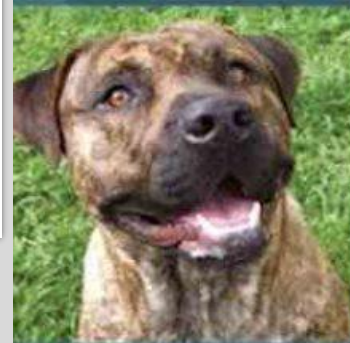
- Four Florida shelters did a study and out 120 dogs, 55 were identified as "pit bulls" by shelter staff, but only 25 were identified as pit bulls by DNA analysis. Animal “experts” were wrong 55% of the time.

<https://www.maddiesfund.org/incorrect-breed-identification.htm>



BSL IS FLAWED FROM THE START BECAUSE IT RELIES ON VISUAL IDENTIFICATION WHICH WE KNOW IS NOT ACCURATE!

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ONE “PIT
BULL”



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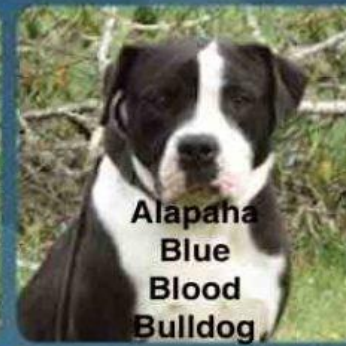
<https://www.k9rl.com/can-identify-pitbull/>



**American
Bulldog**



**American
Akita**



**Alapaha
Blue
Blood
Bulldog**



**Dogo
Argentino**



**Presa
Canario**



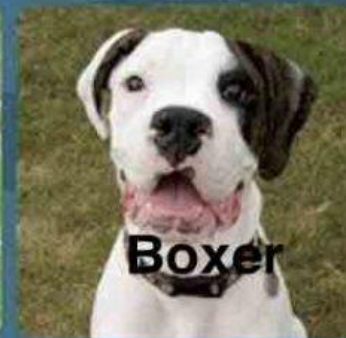
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Pit Bull Terrier



Cane Corso



Boxer



Bandogge



**Olde English
Bulldogge**



**American
Bully**



So.. What is a “Pit Bull?”

There are four distinct pedigree breeds that have the “pit bull” type look:

- American pit bull terrier
- American Staffordshire terrier
- Staffordshire bull terrier
- American bully

The term pit bull often also refers to dogs who simply look like they belong to one of those breeds — even if they share no genetic connection.

<https://www.today.com/pets/what-pit-bull-it-s-not-actually-dog-breed-t118066>

Violation of Constitutional Rights

Fourteenth Amendment
to the Constitution

Section 1.

**...nor shall any state
deprive any person of
life, liberty, or property,
without due process of
law...**

Question: How can you
have due process if you
cannot accurately
identify the breed of the
dog?



Our dogs are our “property” and they cannot be taken away from us legally unless it can be proven that they constitute a danger to the general public. “Pit Bull” type dogs are singled out for breed-specific legislation yet have *not* been proven to be inherently any more dangerous than any other breeds of dog despite what the media et al would have you believe.

ASK THEM TO PROVE IT!



Breed-Discriminatory Legislation in the City of Sioux City

Pets Impacted by Breed-Discriminatory Legislation in the City of Sioux City

Estimated number of dogs	20,654
Estimated number of pit-bull-terrier-like dogs	1,493

Costs Associated with Breed-Discriminatory Legislation

Enforcement	\$75,831
Kenneling and veterinary care	\$21,511
Euthanizing and disposal	\$2,612
Litigation costs*	\$14,852
DNA testing	\$13,930
Total estimated annual cost	\$128,736



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OFFICERS AND/OR POLICE
OFFICERS.

<http://bestfriends.guerrillaeconomics.net/>

BSL DOES NOT WORK!

In Sioux City:

In 2015, 137 dog bites were reported, up from 110 in 2007, the year before the ban was passed, according to Siouxland District Health Department statistics.



https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/sioux-city-council-to-consider-repeal-of-city-wide-pit/article_64ac2845-4c93-5a40-ad2d-f831174410c4.html



THE TREND IS TO REPEAL BSL

- Total Municipalities in the U.S.
- **Total= 39,044**

- 369 Municipalities that still uphold a “pit bull” ban.
- 256 municipalities that have breed specific legislation (BSL) with restrictions that include the requiring certain handling restrictions such as muzzling, etc.
- **Total= 625**
- **only 1.6% of municipalities that have some form of BSL**

<https://batchgeo.com/map/BreedSpecificLegislation>

Solutions

Dog bites are a Public Safety issue, not a dog breed issue



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Breed Neutral Ordinances

Clearly define what is meant by a “potentially dangerous,” “vicious” or “dangerous” dog.

Establish the mechanisms that satisfy the dog owner’s due process rights.

State the appropriate burden of proof (for criminal penalties, “beyond a reasonable doubt” applies.)

Specify the actions that a dog owner must take if the dog is declared dangerous at the end of a hearing or court proceeding and describe the applicable penalties if the owner does not comply.

Animal Control

Enforcement

- Leash Laws
- Licensing
- Anti-tethering laws

Adoption Programs

- Get dogs out of kennels
- Playgroups
- Help with dog selection
- Provide resources
 - Education
 - Training
- Work with humane groups





Spay / Neuter

- Voucher programs
- Low-cost
- Free clinics

Fact: 70-76% of reported dog bite incidents are by intact males.

<https://www.avma.org/Advocacy/StateAndLocal/Pages/dogbite-summary.aspx>

Fortunately, when you meet a “pit bull” type dog, you are most likely to catch them in pictures like these:

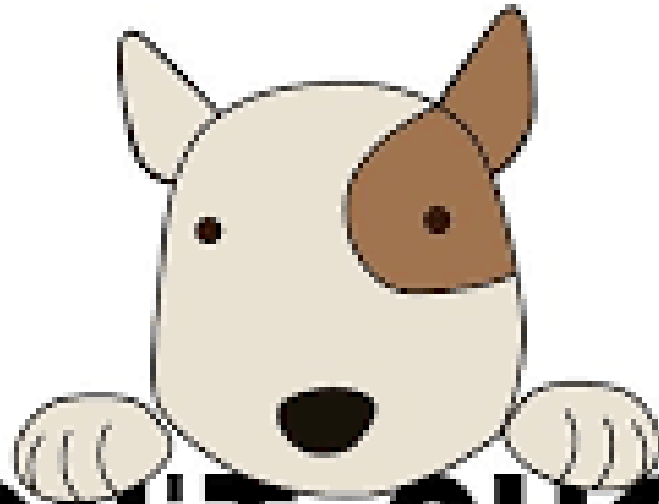




CLOWNS OF THE DOG WORLD



YOU ARE 100% MORE LIKELY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH A
“PIT BULL” THAN BE BITTEN BY ONE



**DON'T SHOP
ADOPT**