



The "Pit Bull"

America's most hated loved dog!

History





The History of the "Pit Bull"

- Pit bulls can be traced back to the U.K in the 1800s.
- Pit bulls were used for bull fighting and rattling.
- In 1835 the British Parliament enacted the Cruelty to Animals Act which prohibited baiting animals.
- Dog fighting became a popular sport.
- Breeders bred in qualities such as bite inhibition so handlers, while in the fighting ring, could physically handle the dogs without being worried about the dog turning on them. Meaning, pit bulls were bred to be human-friendly.

<https://badrap.org/breed-info/breed-history>

Crossing the Atlantic

- Before the Civil War, Brits came over to the U.S. and brought their pit bull companions.
- Pit bulls were renamed "American Pit Bull Terrier."
- The AM Pit Bull Terrier was a working dog used for herding, guarding farmed animals and families.



<https://love-a-bull.org/resources/the-history-of-pit-bulls/>

"Nanny" Dogs



Because of their loyal and loving demeanor, pit bulls earned them the name "nanny dog."

What changed?



The Media...



In 1987, Time Magazine's cover story was titled, "The Pit Bull Friend and Killer."

Sports Illustrated put out an issue with a pit bull showing their teeth, titled "Beware of this Dog."

This created a sense of fear and pit bulls were seen as "criminals."

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

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Every pet deserves a second chance. SAVE A LIFE Best Friends

2 hospitalized after pit bull attack in Stockton

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



Dog injured in attack by loose pit bull in Norfolk



Woman critically injured in Maryland pit bull attack



Boy attacked by 2 pit bulls in Maplewood



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 Frazier, said. "He's got multiple deep wounds in his legs." The boy's name is Carter. He was still in the hospital Wednesday.

- 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.*
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- 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.*

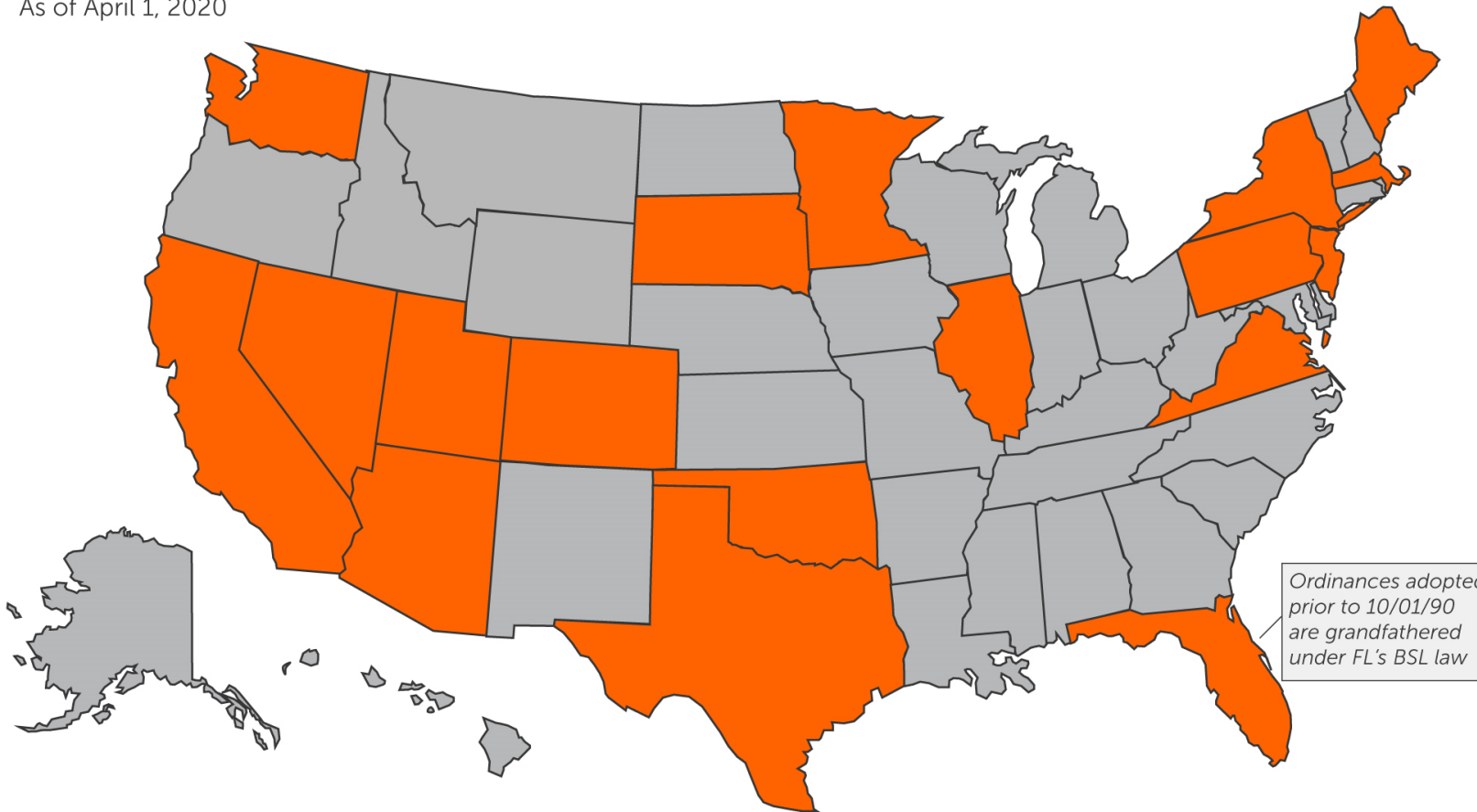
Newspaper Headlines

Breed Specific Legislation (BSL)



States Prohibiting Breed-Specific Legislation

As of April 1, 2020



 **Statewide BSL Bans (21)**

 **No Statewide BSL Bans (29)**
Counties and cities may prohibit breed-specific restrictions



Visual Breed Identification








**Dogo
Argentino**



**Presa
Canario**



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Pit Bull Terrier



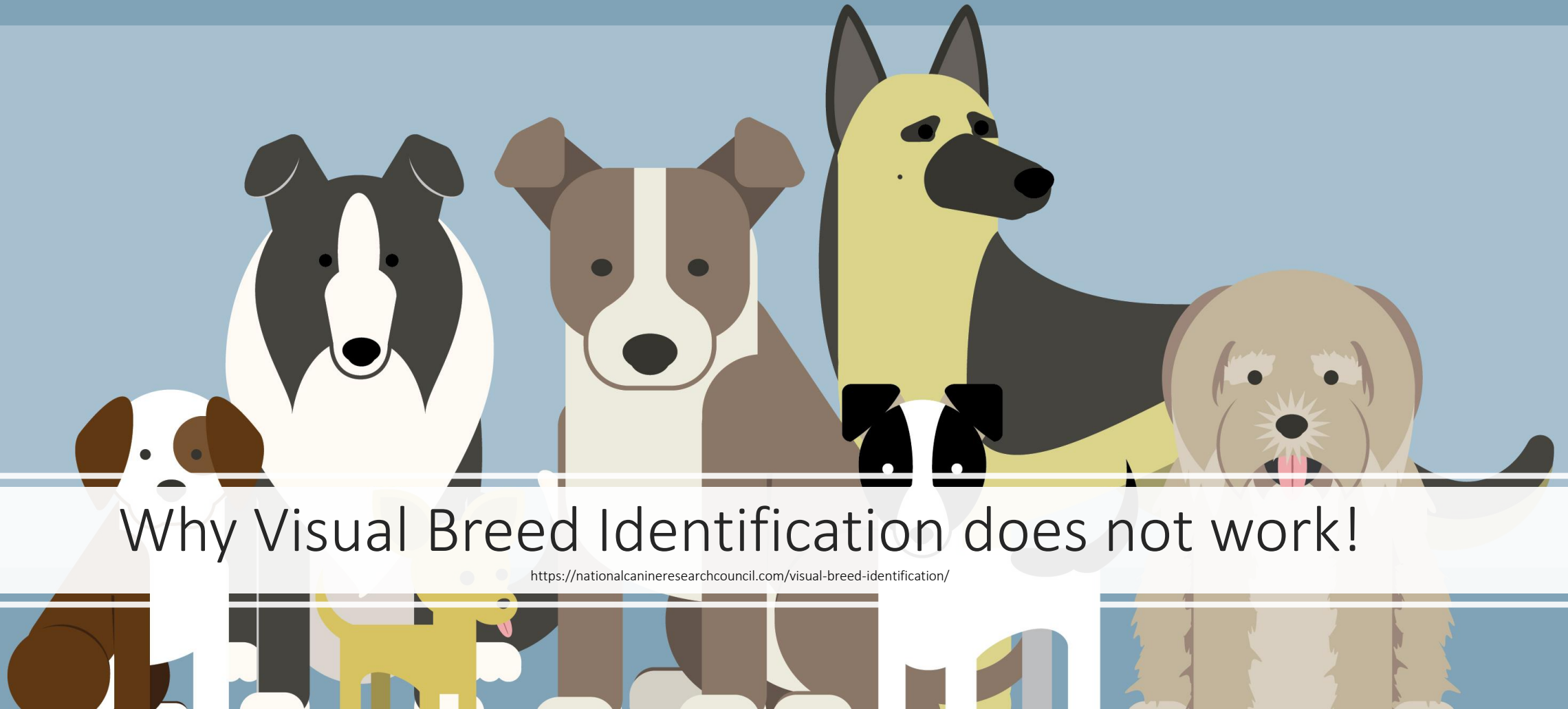
Cane Corso



Boxer

ALL DOGS ARE INDIVIDUALS

..... why looks don't equal behavior



Why Visual Breed Identification does not work!

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

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.





BSL is flawed from the start because it relies on Visual Identification which we know is not accurate!



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?

BSL does not address public safety.



Spay / Neuter

- Voucher programs
- Low-cost
- Free clinics

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





Pitastic Pitties!



"Sgt. Stubby" WWI Hero

- A war hero.
- A friend to presidents and generals.
- Respected by military and academic institutions.
- Fought in WWI and received a hero's welcome home.
- A lifetime of honors.
- Died in 1926.
- Received a 15-paragraph obituary in the N.Y. Times.
- Sgt. Stubby's coat is part of the Smithsonian Collection on display at the National Museum of American History.



Aladdin, a licensed therapy dog!

- Aladdin has taken his history of pain and abuse and channeled it into making the world a happier place for humans and dogs alike. He is a licensed therapy dog.



Jericho, a service dog!

Matthew was in a bad accident and was told he would never walk again.

Jericho has been trained to:

- Pull the wheelchair.
- Picks up items that Matthew drops.
- Opens doors.
- Picks up Matthew when he falls.

“Jericho not only helped me with getting around, but also helped me fill needs I never thought I had,” Matthew says. “I never knew that I needed or had any issues with stress or anxiety until Jericho filled those needs.”

<https://www.servicedogcertifications.org/can-a-pit-bull-be-a-service-dog/>



The Michael Vick Dogs: Vicktory Dogs

- In 2007, Michael Vick's Bad Newz Kennels were raided for dog fighting.
- National animal humane organizations, like Best Friends Animal Society and Bad Rap, stepped in to save the dogs which in the past would have been killed.
- 48 out of the 51 dogs were saved.



Say What!?!
De-bunking Myths!



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!



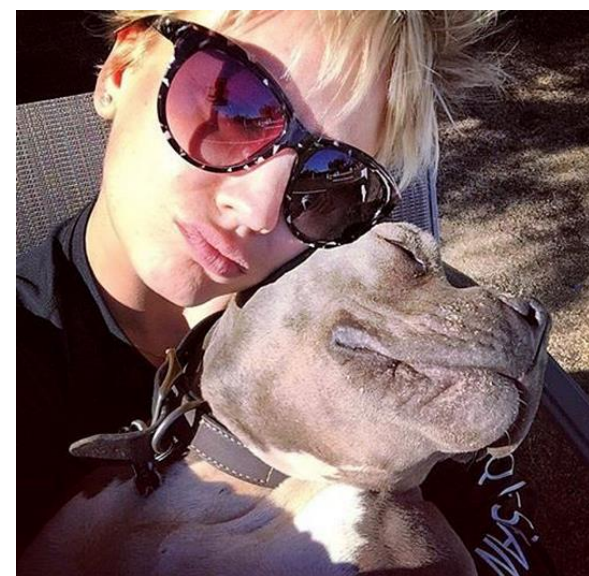
Fortunately, when you meet a “pit bull” type dog, you are most likely to catch them in pictures like these!

Clowns of the dog world...





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



I LOVE my pittie!

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Call to Action-

Ways you can help...

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- Stand up to the mis-truths about the pit bull breed.
 - If you have a breed ban in your city, please contact me at rande@karmarescue.org and we will help get it overturned!
 - Please donate in support of the work we do on behalf of the animals.
 - Donors help guarantee that we can continue to aid and educate pet owners.
 - Karma's promise is to do everything in our power to keep families and pets together, healthy and neutered.
 - Visit our website at: www.karmarescue.org



**DON'T SHOP
ADOPT**



I have a dream

*that one day
I will not be
judged by my
appearance,
but by the
content of
my character.*

The End