

Pit Bull: Fear vs. Fact

Fear:

Pit bulls have locking jaws: They bite with more than 1,000 pounds of pressure and cannot let go.

Fact:

The average dog bites with 320 pounds of pressure. The highest pressure recorded from the pit bull was 235 pounds. The highest from a Rottweiler was 328 pounds.

Fear:

Pit bulls attack without warning, and they attack more than any other breed. They will even turn on their owners.

Fact:

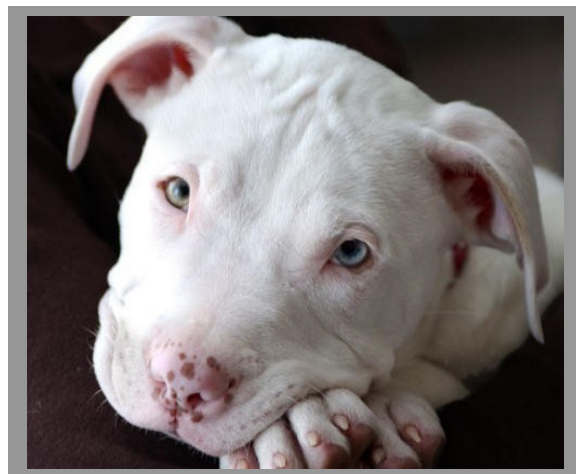
The most important issue in addressing this fear is that the statistical data on dog bites and attacks are inaccurate. Many dog bites are never reported. And more importantly, "pit bull" is not a breed of dog. "Pit bull" is a term that is commonly associated with more than 25 various breeds of dogs. In addition, studies show that there are many breeds who have more reports of attacks than pit bulls.

Fear:

Pit bulls are aggressive and dangerous by nature, and more dangerous than other dogs. They are born to be mean.

Fact:

A dog is only as dangerous as its owner allows it to be. Pit bulls are not born inherently mean. They can, like any other breed, become mean due to abuse, neglect and irresponsible ownership. The American Temperament Test shows pit bulls consistently score above average in comparison to other breeds.



Do Pit Bulls Make Good Family Dogs?

One of the most common myths associated with pit-bull-type breeds is that they do not make good family pets. Pit bulls are attributed with characteristics such as loyalty, love, devotion, and almost human-like in their expressions. Pit bulls that are properly socialized and trained are great with children!

The American Pit Bull Terrier was the No. 1 family dog in the United States during the first part of the 20th century.



