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## Re: Bexley: Pit Bull Education? Ever heard of a break stick?

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Thank you for your thoughts and information.

Rich Sharp, Chair  
City of Bexley Council Safety Committee

On Apr 5, 2016 9:29 AM, "Julie Eyrich Wall" <julie.eyrich@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Elective Officials and others,

**All the Ohio cities and towns who enact breed specific ordinances** have been targeted by the pit bull advocates to con your city into overturning your pit bull ban that is keeping your citizens safe. The purpose of this letter is to give you a heads-up. We like to encourage you not to overturn your health and public safety ordinance.

Ohio legislators purposefully allowed Ohio municipalities to continue or enact local pit bull regulation. There is no need to get "in line" with state law. A community can have a law more strict than state law, just not less strict. Ohio has 80 cities and towns who enact Breed Specific Ordinances:  
<http://www.dogsbite.org/legislating-dangerous-dogs-ohio.php>

States, cities and towns need to stop catering to the 1% who own pit bull type dogs in the U.S. These pit bull owners are endangering the rest of us and could care less about public safety. When dog fighting became illegal in all 50 states, so should have pit bull breeding.

The purpose of a pit bull ban: It is not to prevent bites, but to prevent maulings. Bites require band-aids or a few stitches; maulings require amputation, plastic surgery, rehabilitation therapy, and possibly caskets.

This issue has never been about which breeds bite the most. The issue with pit bulls is the degree of damage they inflict, and their attacks being more likely to result in fatality. Appellate courts across the United States have recognized the dangers of the pit bull breed for over 25-years. We've listed excerpts from court decisions that demonstrate this. <http://www.dogsbite.org/legislating-dangerous-dogs-appellate-court-decisions.php>

Your city is smart like the military. Pit bulls are banned on military bases because they present an unreasonable risk to health and public safety:

<http://www.dogsbite.org/legislating-dangerous-dogs-military-bases.php>

Breed Specific Legislation saves people and other people's beloved pets from being mauled or killed. There are 300 dog breeds and only a few breeds that continually kill humans. The problem with targeting "irresponsible" owners is that you only know they're "irresponsible" after the death or mauling has already occurred. That's too late for somebody. Good Breed Specific Legislation eliminates the problem before it happens.

Pit bull ban caused murders, rapes and robberies to drop 45%:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/01/lancasters-dog-ordinance-is-cited-in-helping-to-drive-down-gang-crime.html>

Pit bulls have been selectively bred for extreme aggression for hundreds of years for violent blood sports with a deadly bite. They are not safe or appropriate pets and should never be considered as such. Not all pit bulls will maim or kill but predicting which ones will is impossible.

Pit bull-type dogs make up 6% of the U.S. dog population but are responsible for 95% of the severe attacks on people, pets and livestock every year in the U.S. By taking time to read these tragedies, you'll discover most of the killing pit bulls came from loving homes. No other dog breeds even come close to the carnage pit bulls cause.

From 2005-2016, 239 people killed by pit bull type dogs. <http://www.dogsbite.org/dog-bite-statistics-fatalities.php>

50,000 + animals killed by pit bulls: <http://www.animals24-7.org/2015/01/27/how-many-other-animals-did-pit-bulls-kill-in-and> <http://www.animals24-7.org/2016/01/31/pit-bulls-killed-24000-other-dogs-13000-cats-in-2015/>

459 disfigurements in 2015 by pit bulls. <http://www.animals24-7.org/2016/01/04/record-33-fatal-pit-bull-attacks-459-disfigurements-in-2015/>

Dogs can be great escape artist, when pit bulls get loose it can be dangerous and deadly for everyone in the neighborhood. I attached a picture of a mother kissing her son goodbye after the child is fatally mauled by two pit bulls. Just before the pit bull attack, Tyler was riding his bike after returning from school.

With so many irresponsible or naïve pit bull owners, all of you are not immune to someone in your own community harboring a pit bull that could kill one of your family members. If these pit bulls were a beagle or I could name almost 300 dog breeds this child would be alive to today. Breed Choice Matters for keeping the community safe. Too many pit bull owners have proven they can't manage their dogs and are a risk to health and public safety.

<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2013/04/2013-dog-bite-fatality-callaway-boy-savagely-mauled-by-dogs-dies.html>

I hope you will read the entire breed bio for the American Pit Bull Terrier on our website to have a better understanding of why pit bulls disproportionately kill more humans and animals than all breeds combined.:

<http://www.daxtonsfriends.com/american-pit-bull-terrier/>

## **Two words to prove pit bull type dogs are inherently dangerous, "BREAK STICK".**

Does this sound like a normal and safe dog breed to have live in our neighborhoods. Pit Bull Rescue Central recommends ALL pit bull owners to have a "break stick", a wedge-shaped piece of wood used to pry open a pit bull's jaw during an attack. "Since pit bulls have a strong fighting background, we recommend that pet owners also have a breaking stick as a precaution, even if they don't plan to use it in an illegal context. However, please be discreet. Breaking sticks are not something to brag about and the general public might have the wrong impression if you walk around with a stick in your hand. Breaking sticks are not illegal, but they are considered dog fighting paraphernalia in certain states and/or with certain law enforcement agents." <http://www.pbrc.net/breaksticks.html>

This person demonstrates how to use a break stick on a pit-bull: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfMVH4wY5Pg>

Pit-bull Rescue Central, the leading authority of pit bull types, admits MOST pit-bull types are not safe around other dogs because of their genetics. For that reason alone is why I do not consider them safe family pets for our neighborhoods. These are powerful animals that break away from their guardians too often and maul & kill another beloved pet or person in front of a child or person. This is a typical pit attack on another beloved pet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZTiGWgQubA> Too many children & adults have watched their beloved pets be mauled to death by pit bulls. Many develop Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder after watching a horrific pit attack: [http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=684\\_1405912995](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=684_1405912995)

According to Pit Bull Rescue Central, "It is a FACT that our pit bulls, AmStaffs and pit mixes come with a built-in fighting heritage. It doesn't matter where we get them from, whether it be the pound, a stray we pick up, or a puppy we buy from a breeder. The majority of pit bulls will, at some point in their lives, exhibit some degree of dog-on-dog aggression. Yet, chances are that a "normal" pit bull will not share his affection with other animals. We cannot predict when or where it will happen and we can't love, train or socialize it out of the dog. Pit bulls may not start fights, but they will finish them." [http://www.pbrc.net/misc/PBRC\\_dogpark.pdf](http://www.pbrc.net/misc/PBRC_dogpark.pdf)"

Red Flag: MOST insurance companies have come to the same conclusion and do not cover pit-bulls because they can't afford the risk. Insurance companies have a calculated actuarial risk of pit bulls of 3,000% compared with other dogs. Pit bulls are seven times more likely to attack their owners. Dog attacks are the third most common claim on homeowner's insurance. More evidence that people who have pit-bulls and certain other types of breeds are endangering people and other people's beloved pets in our communities. <http://realestate.aol.com/blog/2014/09/15/homeowner-insurance-blacklist-dog-breeds/>

It all starts with the ethical breeder willing to produce a dog with a stable inherited temperament. Domestic animals are selectively bred for certain traits, people are not. It is not possible to discriminate against dog breeds that are purposely bred for certain traits and characteristics. Dog breeding is the practice of mating selected dogs with the intent to maintain or produce specific qualities and characteristics. There are 300+ dog breeds. Pit bull breeders are the only ones who are breeding for aggression, tenacity and power to create the ultimate canine gladiator. The reality is that it is not how you raise them, it is how they are bred. "Love" will not take away a pit bull's inherent drive to kill. They are supplying to dog fighters, drug dealers, gang members, people who want a guard dog or a dog that looks like a protection dog. Aggression is a dominant trait resulting in a 75% chance of inheritance. One needs to actively breed to eliminate it through selective breeding and deliberate attrition, things that backyard breeders never do. Another problem is the rampant inbreeding with pit bull that produces unsafe dogs. Pit-bull type dogs are the number one dog surrendered to shelters, a million every year, mostly because of aggression issues. Then many are rehomed by irresponsible pit bull advocates back into our communities. Watch this clip of unethical backyard breeders: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiZOj9o6jpE> So basically people who have pits are playing Russian Roulette against our communities.

Most dogs warn you before they attack, growling or barking to tell you how angry they are—"so they don't have to fight," ASPCA adviser and animal geneticist Stephen Zawistowski stresses. Not the pit bull, which attacks without warning. Most dogs, too, will bow to signal that they want to frolic. Again, not the pit bull, which may follow an apparently playful bow with a lethal assault. **More information from experts about pit bull traits:** [http://www.city-journal.org/html/9\\_2\\_scared\\_of\\_pit.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/9_2_scared_of_pit.html)

BENJAMIN HART, professor emeritus at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and animal behaviorist, "It's quite common for a pit bull to show no signs of aggression. People will call it a nice dog, a sweet dog, even the neighbors - and then all of a sudden something triggers the dog, and it attacks a human in a characteristic way of biting and hanging on until a lot of damage is done. Hart said pit bulls are responsible for about 60 percent of dog attack fatalities each year, which is "way out of proportion" compared with other breeds. Pit bulls make up less than 5 percent of the American dog population. "It's very poor policy to allow any child around a pit bull, in my mind, let alone climb on a dog." More info from pit bull experts: <http://thetruthaboutpitbulls.blogspot.com/2012/10/no-one-can-be-great-thinker-who-does.html?m=>

Tia Torres who has a T.V. show on Animal Planet called, "Pit Bulls & Parolees" wrote this for Rescue Train. "It's a mistake to think the fighting gene can be easily trained or loved out of a pit-bull."

Why she think it's appropriate to rehome pit bulls after saying that is beyond me. Adopting out predators of other people's beloved pets compromises public safety. In my opinion is immoral. Pit bulls are zero mistake dogs and people make too many mistakes. [http://www.therescuetrain.org/pit\\_bull\\_education.php](http://www.therescuetrain.org/pit_bull_education.php)

I'm a volunteer for Dogsbite.org. DBO: national dog bite victims' group dedicated to reducing serious dog attacks. Our website contains a wide collection of data to help policymakers and citizens learn about dangerous dogs. Our research focuses on pit bull type dogs. Due to selective breeding practices that emphasize aggression and tenacity, this class of dogs negatively impacts communities the most.

Thanks for listening to my concerns,

Julie Wall

Supporter of National Pit Bull Victim Awareness  
Dogsbite.org  
Daxtonsfriends.com

