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## Re: heads-up

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Thank you for your thoughts and information.

Rich Sharp, Chair  
City of Bexley Council Safety Committee

On Apr 6, 2016 2:07 PM, "Sally Hewitt" <sally@sallyhewitt.com> wrote:

Dear Bexley Officials:

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 citizens safe. The purpose of this letter is to give you a heads-up. We would like to encourage you not to overturn your health and public safety ordinance.

Please keep your pit bull ban. Ohio has 80 cities and towns that enact Breed Specific Ordinances: <http://www.dogsbite.org/legislating-dangerous-dogs-ohio.php> These bans are usually enacted after a pit bull mauls to death an innocent child or elderly person (the main prey targets of pit bulls).

Your first priority should be the public health and safety of your constituents. Because many people aren't aware of the pit-bull-attack mayhem occurring in the U.S., I decided to send you some information.

Pit bulls have been bred for over 300 years to execute the gripping, tearing, killing bite. As you might know, pit bull is a name which includes American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, bull terrier, and Staffordshire bull terrier, or any mix thereof.

A group of dog attack survivors keeps track of the many daily maulings by dogs across the U.S. because the CDC doesn't. We track all dog attacks, not just pit bull maulings. In 2015, pit bulls killed 27 people and in 2014, pit bulls also killed 27 people. In 2013, pit bulls were responsible for 25 of 32 fatalities.

Already in 2016, 7 people have been killed pit bulls and pit bull mixes and currently two elderly women are in critical condition after attacks (see list below).

What we've discovered keeping track of the many daily incidents is that for every 110 dog attacks on humans resulting in hospitalization, 100 are perpetrated by pit bulls. The other 10 are perpetrated by all other dog breeds combined. The victims of pit bull attacks: mostly young children under the age of 7 and the elderly. In addition to the disfiguring or deadly attacks on humans, pit bulls kill many more animals, including other dogs, cats, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, burros, alpacas, pigs, emus, etc.

Friendly pit bulls can turn "pit" in an instant; it's what they were bred to do. If you read attack reports, you'll see almost all (99 percent) pit bull attacks are unprovoked. Most of these vicious attacks take place next door to, in front of, or within a pit bull residence. No one wants to live next to a pit bull because these dogs often terrorize neighborhoods.

Serious pit bull attacks are rapidly reaching an epidemic level across the U.S. and it's up to city officials like you to protect public health and safety. Please do not be bowed by a vocal minority of pit bull advocates who care only about their dogs and do not give a hoot about maimed or dead pit bull attack victims.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sally Hewitt

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## 2016 U. S. Dog Bite Fatality Victims:

### Pit bulls/mixes responsible for 6 of the 7 fatalities

01/03/16 Tyler Trammell-Huston, 9, Linda, CA - Killed by his sister's 3 pit bulls in her home  
01/08/16 Payton Lyrik Sawyers, 15 mo., Independence, VA - Killed by babysitter's pit bull-mix  
01/24/16 Talen West, 7, Lumberton, NC - Killed by neighbor's pit bull while playing in the woods  
02/07/16 Aiden Grim-Morelli, 3 days old, Youngstown, OH - Killed by family shepherd-mix in home  
02/10/16 Suzanne Story, 36, Perquimans County, NC - Killed by her pet pit bull-mix in home  
03/08/16 Gladys Alexander, 92, Thurston Co., WA - Killed by neighbor's 4 pit bull-mixes  
03/28/16 Bessie Flowers, 86, Charlotte, NC - Killed by daughter's 2 pit bulls in daughter's home  
03/31/16 Sonda Tyson, 66, Leesburg, FL - Killed by her pet pit bull-mix in her home

## 2015 U. S. Dog Bite Fatality Victims:

### Pit bulls/mixes responsible for 27 of the 34 fatalities (79 percent)

#### Deaths by unknown breed: 4

01/07/15 Eugene W. Smith, 87, Frederick, MD - Killed by his pet pit bull in home  
01/19/15 Declan Moss, 18 mo., Brooksville, FL - Killed by 2 family pit bull mixes on porch  
01/22/15 Malaki Mildward, 7, College Springs, IA - Killed by 2 family pit bull/bulldog puppies (9 mo.)  
02/04/15 Fredrick Crutchfield, 63, Coal Hill, AR - Killed by stepson's pit bulls (per Johnson Co. sheriff)  
02/22/15 TayLynn Devaugh, 2, West Mifflin, PA - Killed by family pit bull mix in aunt's home  
03/08/15 Roy Higgenbotham, Jr., 62, Wheeling, WV - Killed by pet pit bull in home  
03/12/15 Betty Wood, 78, Sulphur Springs, TX - Killed by family Rottweiler in home  
03/14/15 Julia Charging Whirlwind, 49, White River, SD - Killed by pack of dogs  
03/21/15 DeTrick Johnson, 36, Pine Bluff, AR - Killed by pack of 7 pit bulls on street  
03/31/15 Neta Lee Adams, 81, Washington, GA - Killed by dogs on road  
04/14/15 Kenneth Ford, 79, Pahrump, NV - Killed by neighbor's three pit bulls  
04/19/15 Brayden Wilson, 2 mo. old, Dallas, TX - Killed by family pit bull in home  
05/02/15 Gaege Ramirez, 7, Canyon Lake, TX - Killed by family friend's dogs  
05/25/15 James Nevils III, 5, Chicago, IL - Killed by cousin's pit bull  
06/28/15 Jordon Collins-Tyson, 3, Lawton, OK - Killed by great-grandmother's pit bull  
07/02/15 Norberto Legarda, 83, Pecos, TX - Killed by neighbors's pit bulls in daughter's yard  
07/07/15 Joshua Strother, 6, Henderson, NC - Killed by grandparents' neighbor's rescue pit bull  
07/12/15 Annie Williams, 71, Shaker Heights, OH - Killed by pit bull as she got out of her car  
07/24/15 Carolyn Sue Lamp, 67, Redbird, OK - Killed by 3 pit bulls, 1 Rottweiler on road  
08/22/15 Porsche Nicole Cartee, 25, Spartanburg, SC - Killed by family pit bull in home  
08/24/15 Cathy Wheatcraft, 48, Coolee, NC - Killed by neighbor's pit bull in her yard  
09/04/15 Barbara McCormick, 65, Billingsley, AL - Killed by family pit bull-mix in her yard  
09/08/15 Emilio Rios Sr., 65, North Shore, CA - Killed by 2 pit bulls while watering his plants  
09/22/15 Carmen Reigada, 91, Miami-Dade, FL - Killed by family dogs in home, Ambull-mix +  
09/28/15 Lamarkus Hicks, 2, Baker Heights, WV - Killed by neighbor's pit bull-mix in next yard  
10/16/15 Edgar Brown, 60, Oklahoma City, OK - Killed by 5 pit bulls at friend's rental home  
10/18/15 Tanner Smith, 5, Vidor, TX - Killed by family friend's two pit bulls in yard  
11/08/15 Amiyah Dunston, 9, Elmont, NY - Killed by pit bull while playing in friend's yard  
11/12/15 Anthony Riggs, 57, Madison County, TN - Killed by newly adopted Rottweiler in home  
11/15/15 Carter Hartle, 11 months, Marshall, NY - Killed by family pit bull/shar pei-mix in home  
12/02/15 Xavier Strickland, 4, Detroit, MI - Killed by neighbor's pit bull mixes, walking with mother  
12/03/15 Rebecca Hardy, 22, Port Huron, MI - Killed by pit bull and pit bull-husky mix in yard  
12/16/15 Maria Torres, 57, Gridley, CA - Killed by her 2 pet pit bulls in her home  
12/20/15 Nyjah Espinosa, 2, Miami-Dade, FL - Killed by her father's Ambull-mix in home

### 2015 Ancillary Deaths:

12/19/15 Joan Ashman, 85, Chula Vista, CA - Heart attack while saving her dog from boxer

## 2014 U. S. Dog Bite Fatality Victims:

## Pit bulls/mixes responsible for 27 of the 42 fatalities (64 percent)

### Deaths by unknown breed: 4

01/05/14 Christina Bell Burlison, 43, Houston, TX - Killed by two loose pit bulls on street  
 01/06/14 Betty Clark, 75, Canyon Lake, TX - Killed by neighbor's two loose pit bulls on walk  
 01/17/14 Kara Hartrich, 4, Bloomington, IL - Killed by family's three pit bulls in home  
 01/26/14 Annabell Martin, 89, Corona, CA - Killed by grandson's three Rottweilers in home  
 02/07/14 Klonda Richey, 57, Dayton, OH - Killed by neighbors' two mastiff-mixes on sidewalk  
 02/17/14 Je'vach Mayes, 2, Temple, TX - Killed by family friend's pit bull in own yard  
 02/24/14 Braelynn Rayne Coulter, 3, High Point, NC - Killed by family pit bull in home  
 02/26/14 Summer Sears, 4, Tallassee, AL - Killed in own yard by neighbor's shepherd-mix  
 02/28/14 Kenneth Santillan, 13, Paterson, NJ - Killed by loose bullmastiff on walk  
 03/01/14 Raymane Camari Robinson, 2, Killeen, TX - Killed by loose bullmastiff on street  
 03/14/14 Nancy Newberry, 77, Phoenix, AZ - Killed by daughter's pit bull in family home  
 03/25/14 Mia DeRouen, 4, Houma, LA - Killed by family pit bull in home  
 03/31/14 Christopher Malone, 3, Thomton, MS - Killed by two family pit bulls in yard  
 03/31/14 Dorothy Hamilton, 85, Kaufman, TX - Killed by son's two pit bulls, family home  
 04/06/14 John Harvard, 5, Riverside, AL - Killed by neighbor's 8-month-old pit bull in yard  
 04/11/14 Petra Aguirre, 83, San Antonio, TX - Killed by neighbor's pit bull in own yard  
 04/30/14 Jessica Dawn Norman, 33, Sebring, FL - Killed by three loose pit bulls in her pasture  
 05/03/14 Katie Morrison, 20, Smiths Station, AL - Killed by friend's three pit bulls in yard  
 05/04/14 Nyhiem Wilfong, 1, Caldwell County, NC - Killed by grandfather's Rottweiler in yard  
 05/07/14 Kassii Haith, 4, Felton, DE - Killed by family friend's three pit bulls  
 05/25/14 Rita Pepe, 93, Branford, CT - Killed by loose pit bull-mix on walk  
 06/08/14 Holden Garrison, 2 1/2 mo., Davisburg, MI - Killed by family Catahoula hound  
 07/19/14 Logan Shepard, 4, Riverview, FL - Killed by uncle's two pit bulls in yard  
 07/20/14 Jonathon Quarles Jr, 7 months old, Dayton, OH - Killed by step-grandmother's pit bull  
 07/23/14 Craig Sytsma, 46, Metamora, MI - Killed by two cane corsos while running  
 08/04/14 Cindy Whisman, 59, Madison, OH - Killed by daughter's pit bull mix in yard  
 08/05/14 Joel Chirieleison, 6, Fanning Springs, FL - Killed by two family pit bulls in yard  
 08/09/14 Deriah Solem, 22 mo., St. Charles County, MO - Killed by family pit bull mix in home  
 08/13/14 Javon Dade, 4, Goulds, FL - Killed by father's pit bulls in yard  
 09/21/14 David Glass, Sr., 51, Benton County, MS - Killed by three loose pit bulls near highway  
 09/26/14 Alice Payne, 75, Cave City, AR - Killed by her pet pit bull in home  
 10/15/14 Juan Fernandez, 59, Modesto, CA - Killed by neighbor's pit bulls in his own yard  
 10/24/14 Logan Meyer, 7, Hustisford, WI - Killed while walking his family's Rottweiler  
 11/02/14 Alemeaner Dial, 83, Rowland, NC - Killed on porch by granddaughter's 4 pit bulls  
 11/12/14 Deanne Lynn Coando, 40, Fort Washakie, WY - Killed by pack of dogs  
 11/18/14 Stella Antanaitis, 91, Stratford, CT - Killed by her pet keeshond-mix in home  
 11/18/14 Jayla Rodriguez, 8, Pine Ridge, SD - Killed by pack of dogs while sledding  
 11/23/14 Jose Robles, 62, Madison, NC - Killed by a pack of dogs while on a walk  
 12/01/14 Bobbie Cheveallier, 85, Pollock, LA - Killed by pack of neighbor's dogs in yard  
 12/06/14 Christopher Camejo, 2, Crystal River, FL - Killed by family Rottweilers in yard  
 12/15/14 Rita Woodard, 64, Flour Bluff, TX - Killed by her 4 rescue pit bull mixes in her yard  
 12/25/14 Edward Cahill, 40, Portage, IN - Killed by his pet pit bull in home

### 2014 Ancillary Deaths:

01/08/14 Carlos Eligio Trevino Sr., 54, Idaho Falls, ID - Heart attack after pet pit bull fight  
 04/11/14 Demonta Collins, 13, Augusta, GA - Killed by car, running from bullmastiff  
 04/12/14 Davon Jiggetts, 17, Riverdale, GA - Killed by car, running from pit bull  
 08/04/14 Ryan Brown, 15, Fayette County, TN - Killed trying to break up pit bull fight

## 2013 U. S. Dog Bite Fatality Victims:

### Pit bulls/mixes responsible for 25 of the 32 fatalities (78 percent)

\* 01/08/13 Betty Todd, 65 years old, SC - Killed by her son's pet pit bull  
 \* 01/19/13 Christian Gormanous, 4 years old, TX - Killed by his neighbor's chained pit bull  
 \* 02/08/13 Elsie Grace, 91 years old, CA - Killed by her son's two pit bulls  
 \* 02/16/13 Isaiah Aguilar, 2 years old, TX - Killed by his neighbor's chained pit bull  
 \* 03/02/13 Ryan Maxwell, 7 years old, IL - Killed by a pit bull while visiting family friends  
 \* 03/06/13 Daxton Borchardt, 14 months old, WI - Killed by his babysitter's two pet pit bulls  
 \* 03/27/13 Monica Laminack, 21 months old, GA - Killed by her family's pet pit bulls  
 \* 04/07/13 Tyler Jett, 7 years old, FL - Killed by his neighbor's two pit bull-mix dogs  
 \* 04/11/13 Claudia Gallardo, 38 years old, CA - Killed by a property owner's pit bull  
 \* 04/23/13 Jordyn Arndt, 4 years old, IA - Killed by her babysitter's pit bull  
 \* 04/24/13 Beau Rutledge, 2 years old, GA - Killed by his family's pet pit bull  
 \* 05/02/13 Rachael Honabarger, 35 years old, OH - Killed by her family's German shepherd  
 \* 05/09/13 Pamela Devitt, 63 years old, CA - Killed by a pack of loose pit bulls  
 \* 05/12/13 Carlton Freeman, 80 years old, SC - Killed by four roaming pit bulls  
 \* 06/09/13 Ayden Evans, 5 years old, AR - Killed by neighbor's bullmastiff-mix  
 \* 06/17/13 Nephi Selu, 6 years old, CA - Killed by uncle's pit bull-mix  
 \* 06/25/13 Arianna Merzbach, 5 years old, SC - Killed by aunt's chained pit bull-mix  
 \* 07/01/13 Linda Oliver, 63 years old, TX - Killed by stray Rottweiler-mastiff mix  
 \* 08/30/13 Juan Campos, 96 years old, TX - Killed in his backyard by neighbor's pit bulls  
 \* 09/15/13 Jordan Lee Reed, 5 years old, AK - Killed by roaming Husky-mix  
 \* 09/22/13 Daniel Teubner, 2 years old, AZ - Killed by babysitter's three pit bull-mixes

- \* 09/23/13 Samuel Zamudio, 2 years old, CA – Killed by up to five pit bull-mixes (uncle's)
- \* 09/27/13 Jordan Ryan, 5 years old, OR – Killed by babysitter's pit bull
- \* 11/01/13 Terry Douglass, 56 years old (woman), MD – Killed by own pit bull
- \* 11/04/13 Katherine Atkins, 25 years old, NC – Killed by boyfriend's two pit bulls
- \* 11/06/13 Nga Woodhead, 65 years old, WA – Killed by two loose pit bulls on street
- \* 11/08/13 Levi Watson, 4 years old, AR – Killed by mother's friend's three pit bulls
- \* 11/17/13 Joan Kappen, 75, AR – Killed by neighbor's bullmastiff-pit bull mix on street
- \* 12/08/13 Jah'niyah White, 2, IL – Killed by grandfather's two pit bulls
- \* 12/10/13 Mia Gibson, 3, OH – Killed by family's two shiba inu dogs
- \* 12/13/13 Michal Nelson, 41, NM – Killed by 1 of her 12 pit bulls
- \* 12/29/13 Thomas Vick, 64, AZ – Killed by his 5 family dogs (boxer, boxer-mixes)

Police and animal control officers, the attacking dogs' owners, and/or veterinarians identify the dog breeds involved in these incidents. On occasion, the dog breed is not immediately reported.

The ASPCA has stated pit bulls can be identified correctly 96 percent of the time.  
<http://www.aspcapro.org/blog/2013/09/25/bully-this—results-are-in...>

The courts state clearly that dog owners of “ordinary intelligence” can identify pit bulls.  
[https://scholar.google.com/scholar\\_case?case=1496137140642653899&q=State+of+Ohio+v.+Anderson&hl=en&as\\_sdt=2%2C44&as\\_vis=1](https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=1496137140642653899&q=State+of+Ohio+v.+Anderson&hl=en&as_sdt=2%2C44&as_vis=1)

Organizations tracking dog bite fatalities:

[www.DogsBite.org](http://www.DogsBite.org)  
<http://www.fatalpitbullattacks.com>  
<http://www.banpitbulls.org>  
[www.dogsbitedecatural.com](http://www.dogsbitedecatural.com)  
<http://www.nationalpitbullvictimawareness.org>  
[www.daxtonsfriends.com](http://www.daxtonsfriends.com)  
<http://www.voicesofthevictims.org/wontbackdown-psa/>  
<http://www.voicesofthevictims.org>  
<http://safetybeforebulldogs.blogspot.com/2014/05/list-of-pit-bull-attacks-that-result-in.html>  
<http://srub-pitbulls.blogspot.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Walkforvictimsofpbodd>  
<https://www.facebook.com/avocaorg>  
<http://www.animals24-7.org/category/dogs-cats/dogs/dog-attacks/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ProtectChildrenFromPitBulls>  
<http://www.dogsbite.org/dog-bite-statistics-study-dog-attacks-and-maimings-merritt-clifton.php>  
<http://www.oklahomahistory.net/viciousdogs.html>

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