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Re: : Please continue to Ban all Pit Bull Type Dogs in Bexley, Ohio

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Thank you for your thoughts and information.

Rich Sharp, Chair
City of Bexley Council Safety Committee

On Apr 6, 2016 11:29 AM, <larrytatet@aol.com> wrote:

Good Day

Please continue to Ban all Pit Bull Type Dogs in Bexley, Ohio.

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 would like to encourage you not to overturn your health and public safety ordinance.

I am writing to express my support to continue to Ban all pit bull type dogs in Bexley, Ohio, these are my thoughts on the issue.

Please consider the points i list below, especially re the need to adhere to state statute re vicious dogs. Then please research and confirm with the State that the thrust of the justification for lifting the Ban is false in that there is no need to adhere to said state statute in any form or way.

The state statute in Ohio in no way effects or invalidates any local statute, there is NO anti-BSL law in Ohio at the state level that bans or limits communities from enacting ANY BSL statute that the community deems necessary.

Any community in Ohio can enact any form of BSL that is wishes too with no need to adhere to the state statute in any way.

Why would they needlessly overturn a health and public safety law that is keeping you citizens' safe? The Ohio state law does not require them to change the health and public safety law. There are 80 Ohio cities and towns who enact breed specific legislation with said ordinances unaffected by the state statute.

<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 careless 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.

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>

So you DO have a choice, you do NOT have to follow the state statute and can maintain your pit bull type dog ban as you wish at the local level in your community.

These pit bull advocates also no kill advocates do not care about public safety, they only care about the dogs and avoiding having them put down even though they know that these animals are dangerous and a threat to public safety.

This is not a rational position for them to take, please put public safety first.

Public safety is the issue here and individual communities should be allowed the right to protect themselves from a public safety threat by having animals like these that are a threat to public safety put down.

I wish also to express my viewpoints on the issue of local communities to enact Breed Specific Legislation to ensure public safety is protected:

A pit bull BSL works EVERYWHERE it is useful in almost eliminating all serious dog attacks that maim, disfigure, dismember, maul, cripple or kill, this is a simply proven fact in all cases. The number of pit bulls is dramatically reduced as are the numbers of them put to death.

Dog Attack Deaths and Maimings, U.S. & Canada, September 1982 to May.25, 2013.

By compiling U.S. and Canadian press accounts between 1982 and 2013, Merritt Clifton, editor of Animal People, shows the breeds most responsible for serious injury and death.

Study highlights

Pit bull type dogs make up only 6% of all dogs in the USA.

The combination of Pit Bulls, rottweilers, their close mixes and wolf hybrids and other Pit Bull Type Dogs:

84% of attacks that induce bodily harm.

75% of attacks to children.

87% of attack to adults.

72% of attacks that result in fatalities.

80% that result in maiming

The need to have BSL is to have a preemptive capability to avoid a pit bull attack from happening due to it's extremely savage consequences.

It is enacted against all pit bulls as they all have the genetic DNA propensity to carry out these horrific attacks that are non existent in 99% of all other breeds, ban the breed and you ban the deed, simple as that.

Simply put, border collies do not herd sheep because they are raised on sheep farms; rather, they are raised on sheep farms because they herd.

In addition pointers point, retrievers retrieve, and mastiffs guard, all because those traits are part of their breed expectations, meaning strong and continuous selection in the underlying breeding program "

Pit bulls do not attack because they are raised with dog fighters and drug dealers, dog fighters and drug dealers use pit bulls because they attack!

It is their nature, their genetic truth and reality.!!

Dealing with an attack after the fact is simply not acceptable due to the horrific nature of said attacks.!

Normal dogs nip and cause a stitch or two, a Pit bull type dog will Kill, Maul, Maim, Disfigure, Dismember,

cause Life Flights or trips to the Intensive Care Unit.

With any other breed other than Pit bull type dogs, Rottweiler's, wolf hybrids and Akita's and a few others in very small numbers it is not a naturally genetic reality for them to carry out such horrifying attacks.

Hence they need to be dealt with in an aggressive reactive modality where all of the breed are are viewed from a generic perspective, not looked on as one based on the actions of the individual misbehaving dog.

This can be done in a very aggressive proactive manner so that as soon as a dog like a lab lets say starts behaving inappropriately severe consequences can be brought to bare on the owner and their dog in an escalating manner as needed to deal with a situation that has developed.

This duel track approach can deal with the pits issue as other normal dog breeds can be dealt with as well so vicious dogs of other mainstream breeds are also held accountable for their actions.

There should be mandatory Spay/Neuter programs for all breeds but clearly the one that needs it the most and where the most change would be effected would be with the Pit Bull type dog.

There is very little cost difference no matter if you have a pit bull type dog BSL Ban or not.

There is a very impactful cost free indirect outcome as invariably the pit bull type dog owner will be far more careful and in fact go underground to avoid the consequences of not adhering to a BSL Ban such as fines & or losing their dog or even having it put down, this tends to focus their minds and motivates them to be in compliance.

In effect out of sight reduces interaction with any pit bull type dogs in general for both the 2 & 4 legged legitimate members of the community which greatly increases their daily safety and dramatically reduces the possibility of pit bull attacks.

All this at not one cent of extra cost.

AC officers will be more available to carry out routine street and park patrols not having to deal with constant pit bull type dog mauling's.

This is their normal activity and will allow them to as they enforce the normal leash and dog at large laws to enforce the BSL Ban at the same time at no extra cost.

Simple they see a pit bull type dog they pick it up, a minor cost to bring about increased public safety, & as they go more and more underground this cost will drop sharply to the level of being moot from a budget perspective.

As well neighbors on the street will know if a pit bull type dog is illegally present and can call the city AC to report this allowing the animal to be removed, a simple, clean and efficient modality to find, fox and remove any pit bull type dog illegally in the community.

If the owners keep their pit bull type dogs in the basement or take them out only very early in the morning or very late at night this will dramatically enhance the community's safety cost free as the possibility of the public interacting with a pit bull type dog is reduced to fractionally what it normally would be the case in normal daytime hours.

There would be no extras kenneling cost after you pick up a pit bull type dog, you put down a stray right away, if there is ownership proof an immediate choice is given to the owner, give it up to be put down right away or if they appeal it in the courts they pay the kenneling cost.

If done this way the expense of kenneling is also moot.

Done this way any Pit Bull type dog BSL Ban is easily enforceable by any community, the only requirement to make this a reality is to have the courage to simply carry out said enforcement in the fact of screams, rants and raves by the pit bull advocacy machine.

An example of the failure that is breed neutral legislation:

In Calgary, by Bill Bruce's own admission and documentation, pit bulls lead the serious bite count with 13% of the city's serious bites attributable to pit bulls, yet pit bulls account for less than 1% of the city's dogs.

In fact, pit bulls are responsible for nearly as many serious bites (13%) as the ENTIRE sporting breeding category (15%), which includes all of the most popular breeds (Labs, Golden Retrievers, Poodles, Spaniels, etc) and houses 70% of Calgary's dogs.

Why aren't these breeds attacking in the face of irresponsible ownership?

An example of why leashing and licensing laws don't work to solve the breed-specific problem of pit bulls:

Pitbull supporters always point to Calgary Model as the perfect solution when dealing with dangerous dogs. The city introduced its responsible pet ownership bylaw in 2006.

Calgary's bylaw department emphasizes responsible pet ownership through intensive licensing, hefty fines and owner education.

In Calgary, the largest city in Alberta, "confirmed aggressive dog incidents" and related criminal charges tripled in 2013, and in mid-2014 were up 15% more.

Has their model worked? The statistics from the past four years would indicate a resounding "NO". For the past four years dog bites have risen steadily every year, and over 350% in the past 4 years, from 58 in 2009 to 203 in 2012.

And In 2010 Pit bulls led the 'bite' count. Meanwhile in Toronto, four years after implementing Breed Bans, dog bites were down 32%, from 486 to 329.

Bites in Toronto blamed on the four banned breeds fell sharply, from 71 in 2005 to only six in 2010.

Considering these breeds regularly inflict the most serious damage, this is an undeniable win for the citizens of Toronto.

There were 400 dog bites in Calgary in 2013 and 500 in 2014.

Thank you for your time and consideration & listening to me

Thomas McCartney