

Findings Regarding the Danger of Pitbull's in Ohio

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Overview

In 2012 Ohio repealed a 25-year designation of pit bulls as a “vicious” breed and set liability, confinement and licensing requirements for owning one. However, multiple cities continue to have ordinances against residents owning pit bulls, including Bexley. An attempt to overturn a similar ban in Reynoldsburg in 2014 failed.

Many Different breeds of dogs have been labeled “dangerous” or “vicious” at some point. Many of the things said about pitbulls today was said about Dobermans in the 1970s, German Shepherd in the 1980s, and Rottweilers in the 1990s.

There were no pit bull bans until the 1980s, when drug cartels started using them as guard dogs and dog fighters started using them in illegal animal fights. Prior to this there was no obvious concern in society that pit bulls were a dangerous breed, in fact, the Doberman had been the target of similar proposed bans just years before.

Facts

- Nationwide; 34 people are killed in the US every year in dog related accidents. 33 people are killed by lightning strikes in the US each year. So, your odd of getting killed by a dog are the same as getting struck by lightning. Since this accounts for all dog breeds, your odds of being attacked statistically by a pit bull are lower.
- In Ohio 26 people have been involved in dog bite incidents in the last two and a half years.
- 3 Ohioans have died in the last two and a half yeas a result of dog bite incidents. A pit bull breed dog killed 2 people in 214 and one in 2015. There have not yet been any fatal dog bite related fatalities in 2016.

Stories

July 2015-Annie Williams was a 71-year-old great-grandmother who was killed by a Pitbull owned by a friend when the friend stopped by her house with the dog. The reason the Pitbull attacked was never determined, the owner pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter. July of 2015. There have been no human fatalities due to pitbulls since

<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2015/07/2015-dog-bite-fatality-woman-dies-after.html>

August 2014- Cindy Whisman was killed by her daughter's pitbull at her house while babysitting her grandson. A neighbor forced the dog away by hitting it with his cane. This was in 2014. It was never determined why the Pitbull attacked.

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