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# *the truth about...* **Pit Bulls**

## **Who's afraid of the Big Bad Pit Bulls?**

*LOTS of people thanks to some very damaging myths, the deeds of backyard breeders, irresponsible owners, the hyped up media coverage and false statistics that have been plaguing these wonderful dogs for years...*

## **“PIT BULL” IS NOT A BREED**

There are many different breeds of dogs that are referred to as "Pit Bulls" by the general public and the media. Primarily, these are the American Pit Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Terrier, and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. These are 3 distinctly different breeds that were all bred for different purposes. In more than 90% of the news reports naming a "Pit Bull" in a dog attack, the dog is not actually a Terrier at all, but instead is a Molosser breed (Mastiff, Cane Corso, American Bulldog, Presa Canario, etc).  
source: [www.badrap.org](http://www.badrap.org)

In Southern California there are fewer than 200 registered Purebred American Pit Bull Terriers. Almost all of the dogs in the Los Angeles area that are labeled as "Pit Bulls" are actually Staffordshire mixes.  
source: [www.bullybuddies.org](http://www.bullybuddies.org)



## **“PIT BULLS” ARE NOT MORE DANGEROUS THAN OTHER BREEDS**

In a 2006 study of 122 different dog breeds by the American Temperament Testing Society (ATTS), Pit Bulls achieved a passing rate of **83.9%**. Of the breeds in the study where more than 500 dogs were tested, the APBT and the AmStaff had the #2 and the #3 HIGHEST passing rate below only the Labrador. **Overall the APBT and the AmStaff tested in the top 5% of all breeds.** In the ATTS test, a dog is put through a series of confrontational situations. Any sign of panic or aggression leads to failure of the test. The achievement of "Pit Bulls" in this study disproves once and for all the old tired belief that "Pit Bulls" are inherently aggressive to people.  
source: [www.atts.org](http://www.atts.org)

In a 7 year study of over 100 breeds and their willingness to bite a person when being provoked, Pit Bulls were 4th FROM THE BOTTOM of the list and accounted for only 1.89% of total bites.  
source: [www.pitbullproblem.tk](http://www.pitbullproblem.tk)

## **“PIT BULLS” DO NOT HAVE “LOCKING JAWS”**

A Pit Bull's ability to "lock on" with its jaws is one WHOPPER of a myth that refuses to let go! The jaws of a Pit Bull are built just as any other dog's jaw.  
source: [www.badrap.org](http://www.badrap.org)

## **“PIT BULLS” MAKE WONDERFUL FAMILY PETS**

Statistically speaking, APBTs and AmStaffs have more stable temperaments and are much less likely to bite your children than most other breeds. People may be surprised to discover that the top two "most biting" dogs are actually the Cocker Spaniel and the Chihuahua.  
source: [www.pitbullregistry.com](http://www.pitbullregistry.com)

The American Pit Bull Terrier and the American Staffordshire Terrier have always remained solid in temperament, affection, trustworthiness and friendliness towards humans.  
source: [www.atts.org](http://www.atts.org)