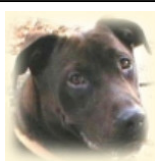


Successful Home At Last Adoptions



Timber

“Timber was immediately a good foster dog - but I expected this, given his breed. He is part Pit Bull, and these overlooked dogs are often the easiest to bond with and train. After our first day together, I realized I had a real gem in Timber.”



Taz

“Taz was coping poorly with confinement and appeared much too aggressive. That means one thing for strays - euthanasia. But we saw a handsome, headstrong young dog and fell in love. Working with a trainer confirmed our hunch: Taz wasn't dog aggressive, just enthusiastic! A bit of training and a lot of love did him wonders. From the first day, where he sat quietly through obedience class next to two bouncy puppies, Taz emerged as a sweet, well behaved, and wonderful dog. Taz is now enjoying life with his loving adopted family, where he peacefully shares a house with two finches.”



Daisy

“She was just another brindle Pit Bull at the Berkeley Shelter. We felt as if we had uncovered a buried treasure that no one else knew about! This loony little bully dog turned out to be a smiley, happy, loving, funny girl!”

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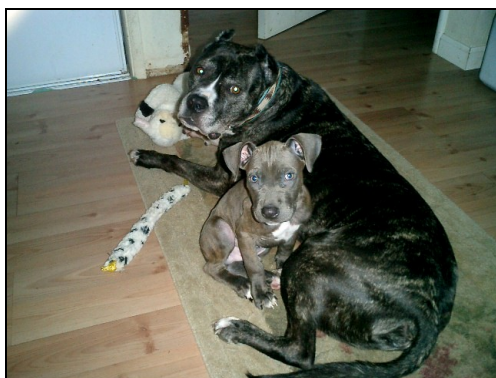
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The Truth About Pit Bulls

Pit Bulls: Misunderstood?

Let's face it. Pit Bulls are not the most popular of dog breeds. They're not in TV commercials and they're not the favorites at dog shows. In fact, the media usually portrays Pit Bulls as ruthless, angry, and dangerous animals. But is this really the case? Are they even worth considering as pets?

The truth is actually much simpler. A Pit Bull's environment affects their behavior as much as any other dog. They can be aggressive and mean if raised in an uncaring environment - just like any other dog. But with love, affection, and attention, Pit Bulls can make great household pets and a valuable addition to your family.



Pit Bull History

The Pit Bull was bred in England as a fighting dog. They were ideal 18th century companions for hunting and protection, due to their strength, loyalty, tenacity, and overall endurance. Upon coming to America, the Pit Bull's reputation changed from a fighter to a worker. The breed eventually became a common household pet.

Pit Bulls have very distinctive physical characteristics. Their wide frame, muscular legs, and large head are combined with a short coat and a variety of colors. The Pit Bull is traditionally aggressive with other animals, but can be socialized to be accepting and loving towards other dogs. Pit Bulls value loyalty and are known to be obedient and protective of their master.

Myth or Fact?

Myth: Pit Bulls are more ferocious than other dogs.

Fact: Pit Bulls are strong, curious, and intelligent. As with any other dog breed, Pit Bulls become fiercely loyal and extremely affectionate with discipline and love. With negligence and abuse, Pit Bulls become defensive and aggressive. Abused Pit Bulls, with their immense strength and resolve, give the breed their unfair reputation.

The American Temperament Testing Society (www.atts.org) gives Pit Bulls a higher rating than Welsh Corgis, Miniature Schnauzers, Collies, Poodles, and other such popular breeds.

Myth: Pit Bulls have jaws that lock upon biting.

Fact: A Pit Bull jaw is built like any other dog jaw. Their enthusiasm and tenacity are the reasons why their hold is so strong.

Myth: Pit Bulls are dangerous around children.

Fact: Pit Bulls are extremely loyal and naturally friendly towards humans. In fact, with proper socialization and training, the only danger Pit Bulls bring children is the possibility of being pushed or knocked over during an enthusiastic doggie hello. If they are taught to be aggressive or are abused, a Pit Bull will carry these emotional scars with them throughout their lives.

Myth: Pit Bulls are dangerous around other dogs.

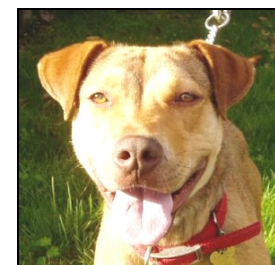
Fact: Though it is true that Pit Bulls were selectively bred to fight other dogs, those days have long passed. Pit Bulls can shed their fighting roots and become a normal family pet in the same way that a Schnauzer (originally bred to hunt mice and herd cattle) can live happily in a city. The key to this is proper dog socialization and training.

Myth: Pit Bulls are only good for fighting.

Fact: The traits that made the Pit Bull a good fighting dog many years ago make the Pit Bull a helpful animal in today's society. A Pit Bull's loyalty, courage, and strength has made the breed ideal for a family pet, search and rescue tasks, herding, guarding, and assisting the physically challenged.

Out in the Cold

Due to the rampant myths and misunderstandings surrounding the Pit Bull, many animal shelters will euthanize a Pit Bull rather than give it a chance for adoption. This is where Home At Last Animal Rescue comes into play.



A Home For Every Dog

Home At Last is a "No Kill" organization that rescues animals from shelters and provides them with housing, socialization, and medical care. Many HAL dogs are Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes. These loving animals are looking for an owner who will care for them and give them the understanding and attention they deserve.

Adoption

HAL will make a dog available for adoption once it is deemed healthy and ready for a new home. To see dogs available for adoption, please visit HAL's website at www.homeatlastrescue.org or visit a mobile adoption event. Mobile adoption events showcase dogs that are in need of loving homes and take place every Saturday from noon to 5:00 PM at Berkeley's Slater Marinoff Furniture Store.

Donations

Home At Last can't continue to rescue animals without your generosity! Every donation helps, from monetary contributions to the gift of animal supplies. HAL's website has a viewable wish list of needed supplies as well as information on how to donate money. For this information and more, please visit www.homeatlastrescue.org/html/wishlist.html.

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