

FEAR VS. FACT

FEAR:

Pit Bulls have “locking jaws.”

FACT:

“We found that the American Pit Bull Terriers did not have any unique mechanism that would allow these dogs to lock their jaws. There were no mechanical or morphological differences . . .”

Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin, University of Georgia

FEAR:

Pit Bulls have massive biting power measuring in 1,000s of pounds of pressure per square inch. (PSI)

FACT:

On average, dogs bite with 320 lbs of pressure per square inch. The bite pressure of a German Shepherd, an American Pit Bull Terrier and a Rottweiler were tested. The American Pit Bull Terrier had the least amount of bite pressure of the three dogs tested.

Dr. Brady Barr, National Geographic

FEAR:

Pit Bulls attack without warning.

FACT:

“Pit Bulls signal like other dogs.”

The Institute of Animal Welfare and Behavior of the University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover, Germany temperament tested over 1,000 dogs.

FEAR:

Pit Bulls are “ticking time bombs” that turn on their owners.

FACT:

“Attacks by family dogs of any breed or type are extremely rare, and should not to be confused with incidents involving resident dogs. Resident dogs are maintained outside the home (on chains, in kennels, or in yards) and/or are obtained for negative functions (guarding, fighting, protection, indiscriminant/irresponsible breeding). Resident dogs cannot be expected to exhibit the same behaviors as family dogs which have been aorded the opportunity to interact with humans on a daily basis and in positive and humane ways.”

“There is no documented case that a single, spayed/neutered American Pit Bull Terrier, maintained exclusively as a household pet, has been involved in a fatality in the United States.”

Karen Delise, NCRC Founder and Director of Research, Author.

FEAR:

While there are some pit bulls with good temperaments, they are the exception not the rule.

FACT:

The American Temperament Test shows pit bulls consistently score above the average for all breeds tested, year in and year out!

**The American Temperament Test Society,
www.atts.org**