

## **Breed Specific Legislation**

**Boise Bully Breed Rescue opposes Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) aimed at regulating dogs based solely on their breed.**

**BSL does not work for several reasons:**

**BSL is a quick fix and not a long term solution.**

**Communities that have instituted such bans often find that irresponsible dog owners and the criminals who utilize dogs for illegal purposes simply switch to another breed.**

**BSL is expensive to enforce.**

**BSL is logistically impossible to successfully enforce.**

**BSL leads to expensive and time consuming legal challenges regarding constitutionality, increased work load and court time.**

**BSL has failed to increase public safety by decreasing the number of bites or attacks in areas where the laws have been enacted.**

**BSL sensationalizes a mythology that creates unwarranted terror in the general populace.**

**Dogs are destroyed based on prejudice.**

**Breeds and mixes are hard to identify and often mislabeled.**

**The American Veterinary Medical Association and several state veterinary medical associations oppose BSL for the above reasons.**

**The solution is to hold irresponsible owners accountable for their dogs behavior. Lawmakers must enact strict dog laws that penalize the owners of all dogs causing harm, regardless of the dogs breed.**

**According to the Cincinnati Law Review:**

**Dogs are the products of their past and present master. Man has domesticated dogs to the point where they serve as companions, workers and even objects of beauty. Dogs will protect man, see for him, play for him even fight to the death for him. One breed is not inherently good or evil, vicious or docile, harmful or helpful.**

**Individual dogs can be selectively in-bred and trained to be aggressive and currently it appears many pit bull dogs are being abused in this manner. People determine whether dogs will be useful inhabitants of a community or nuisances. It is people who breed and foster viciousness in dogs that legislators must control.**

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