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The Truth, Facts & Myths about Pit Bull Terriers

You may be very surprised when you strip away the myths...

It is obvious that many of the dogs at Stray Hearts are Pits or Pit mixes. Unfortunately, due to the way the media has treated these animals, they have earned a reputation that is unfair and distorted. We hope that the information below, at the websites listed will help you sort through the information and misinformation so you can make an educated decision.

Every decade a certain dog breed becomes popular. As the demand for that breed increases, unscrupulous people start breeding indiscriminately, and selling the breed not caring to whom the dog is going. This has happened with German Shepherds, Doberman Pinschers, Rottweilers, Akitas, and the American Pit Bull/Staffordshire Terrier.

Breed Information

<http://www.dogbreedinfo.com/americanpitbull.htm>

<http://www.dogbreedinfo.com/americanstaffordshire.htm>

<http://www.pitbullsontheweb.com/petbull/breedinfo.php>

Did you know?

Pit Bulls are known to be great family dogs and are especially protective over the kids.

The Pit Bull was the U.S. Mascot during WW1.

Pit bulls, according to breed standard, are people friendly.

Myths

<http://www.realpitbull.com/myths.html>

<http://www.pitbulllovers.com/american-pit-bull-terrier-myths.html>

Positive Press

<http://www.pitbullpress.com/>

<http://www.pitbullsontheweb.com/petbull/pospress.php>

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Now, this said, there are a few things to consider...

Pit bulls, like many other working or large breeds are strong. The owner should be able to physically handle it.

Like all dogs with an unknown history, seeing if a potential adoptive dog gets along with your family, other pets, and the kids is the responsible thing to do.

Pits are very smart - and very willful - which is why they are not always the best choice for first time dog owners. A strong "pack leader" as Cesar Millan calls it, is what Pits need to be the best they can be.