

Fact: Often referred to as Pit Bull Type Dogs, Pit Bulls are not a breed but a group of dogs who share similar physical traits like large heads and muscular bodies.

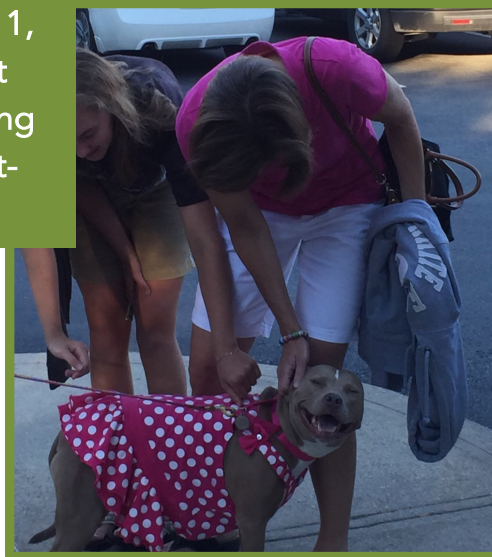
and trained to be aggressive via vicious methods They became the dog of choice among gang members, drug dealers and those who wanted to look tough. Pit Bulls bred for this life are generally very badly treated, routinely beaten, very poorly socialized and—crucially-- kept chained for the bulk of their entire lives (data shows that 25% of fatal dog attacks in the US involve dogs kept on chains).

Despite the fact that Pit Bulls are often subjected to much worse socialization and treatment than other breeds, peer reviewed studies of canine aggression reveal no difference between Pit Bulls and for example, Golden Retrievers. Indeed, an in-depth study by the CDC of 20 years of dog bite data shows that 72% involved non-Pit Bull type breeds. The conclusion? Unstable individuals of all breeds can bite.

Yet, the reputation continues. Media outlets routinely use headlines identifying Pit Bulls as aggressors in bite incidents, yet when the dog is not a Pit Bull, it is often referred to in headlines simply as “dog” with no breed specified. Human criminals are no longer specified by race in reporting; ending this practice might help end the prejudice against these animals, which has resulted in city-wide bans, frequent prohibition against ownership in apartment buildings, and denial of home insurance for families who keep these dogs.

Truth about pit bulls, continued

Molly, adopted 2011, often appeared at events for SAS during her happy life post-adoption.



A Connecticut Pit Bull named Stubby was a world-famous war hero in World War I. He fought with the US Army in 17 battles. Upon his return to the US, he led troops in a parade & went to the White House.

Caesar, right, is a young Pit Bull who has been staying with us since early February.



Winnie, below, was adopted in 2015. She'd been abandoned on a highway.

