The Bytown Originals are proud to present, in partnership with the Ontario Coalition Against BSL:

# GOOD DOG ETIQUETTE, BEST PRACTICES FOR DOG SAFETY AND HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

## HOW TO STAY SAFE AROUND A DOG YOU DON'T KNOW

- Always ask to pet a dog before doing so
- Never assume that a dog wants to be petted
- Pay attention to a dogs body language: they will tell you if they are ok with you petting them or if they want you to leave them alone

# WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE COMMUNITY SAFETY?

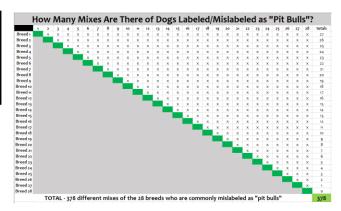
Every dog is a unique individual. They rely on a responsible owner to teach them right from wrong. In order to achieve community safety, the owner must be held accountable for the actions of their dog, on a breed neutral consensus.

### HOW TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR DOG SAFE IN PUBLIC

- Always have your dog on a leash and in your full control
- Don't allow your dog to roam
- Never assume that other dogs are dog friendly: always ask the other owner before allowing your dogs to meet







# How would you define responsible ownership?

Some different ways to be a responsible owner include:

- Ensuring your dog remains up to date on vaccines
- Maintaining full control of your dog at all times while in public
- Setting them up for success, not failure

#### DID YOU KNOW...

- That BSL has been repealed in over 50 cities since 2016? The global trend is for breed neutral laws and owner accountability?
- Cities without BSL have a lower dog bite ratio than cities that do have BSL?
- A recent Canadian scientific study showed no difference in dog bites in municipalities with or without BSL

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### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION?



- BSL is a law that targets a dog based on an appearance rather than a behavior. In Ontario, it is commonly known as the "pit bull" ban
- BSL costs the taxpayers of the province millions of dollars to enforce each year
- BSL has cost thousands of innocent dogs their lives, all due to what they look like, not their actions or behavior
- BSL targets responsible owners and non offending pets
- BSL has negatively affected the mental health and wellbeing of thousands of Ontario families
- BSL is a scientifically proven as a worldwide failure
- BSL is a deterrent to public safety due to lack of access of veterinary care, and general socialization

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Contact your MPP and demand their support for Bill 147, which will repeal the breed discriminatory language in ON
- Tell someone you know about the injustice of BSL
- Visit <u>supporthersheybill.com</u>, <u>www.endtheban.ca</u>, or <u>www.ontariocoalitionagainstbsl.com</u> for more information