

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:

“No single, neutered household pet pit bull has ever killed anyone.”

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

FEAR:

Pit Bulls are more dangerous than other dogs.

FACT:

“A dog is only as dangerous as its owner allows it to be.”

Diane Jessup, Founder of LawDogsUSA, Author, retired Animal Control Officer.