



Pit Bull Rescue Central

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PIT BULLS AT THE DOG PARK

Some people bring their pit bulls to off-leash dog parks because they want to show the world how wonderful they are and dispel the rumors and negative media hype. They trust their dogs because they haven't (yet) shown any aggression towards anything. This is irresponsible and here's why...

It is a FACT that our pit bulls, AmStaffs and pit mixes come with a built-in fighting heritage. It doesn't matter where we get them from, whether it be the pound, a stray we pick up, or a puppy we buy from a breeder. The majority of pit bulls will, at some point in their lives, exhibit some degree of dog-on-dog aggression. This type of animal aggression is completely separate from human-aggression; a well-socialized pit bull is very good-natured with people. Yet, chances are that a "normal" pit bull will not share his affection with other animals. We cannot predict when or where it will happen and we can't love, train or socialize it out of the dog. Pit bulls may not start fights, but they will finish them.

If your pit bull is involved in a fight at a dog park, it fuels breed-specific legislation and affects the rights of others to own these dogs.

Responsible pit bull owners:

- * Research and understand the breed
- * Don't put other people's pets at risk
- * Keep their dog leashed at all times in public places
- * Clean up after their dogs
- * Vaccinate and license their dogs
- * Spay and neuter their dogs
- * Train their dogs

Other activities you can enjoy with your pit bull:

- * Play fetch in an enclosed tennis court or baseball field
- * Ride a bike and have your pit bull jog along
- * Walk, jog or hike with your pit bull. Don't forget her bandana!
- * Take an obedience class together

Respect your dog and the dogs of others...
Don't learn the hard way what your pit bull is capable of.