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Please forward to all who make decisions about your animal control ordinances. Thanks.

Dear Elected Officials and others,

Thank-you for keeping your citizens safe from pit bull type-dogs by having a ban. I live in a city that doesn't. We are overrun by dangerous pit bulls.

Several months ago in my city, a toddler was almost killed by an 8-year-old trusted family pit bull at a school park.

The pit bull latched onto the face for 5 minutes. It took three men to pull the pit bull off this child.
<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2016/04/18/boy-pit-bull-attack/>

Pit bulls do not lock their jaws but with their 'gameness' trait they do not let go until their victims are dead. Most dog breeds do not have the capabilities to hold a bite for 5 minutes while three men were trying to pull this pit bull off this child. Pit-bulls are dangerous because they have the capability of inflicting life threatening injuries in a split second. Pit-bills are zero-mistake dogs.

Many people lack the basic understanding of dog breeding 101. If this family would have had the correct information about the dangers of pit bulls this would have never happened.

States, cities and towns need to stop catering to the 1% who own pit bull type dogs in the U.S. These pit bull owners are endangering the rest of us and could care less about public safety. When dog fighting became illegal in all 50 states, so should have pit bull breeding.

Public safety is achieved when you can decrease the pit bull population in your city from 5% to under 1%. If you let more pit bulls in, you will see an increase in severe pit bull attacks on humans and animals.

Pit bull type dogs should be classified as exotic animals because of the amount of damage they inflict on humans and animals when they do attack. They should be heavily regulated or banned under exotic animal ordinances.

The University of Texas, San Antonio study conclusions: "The unacceptable actuarial risk associated with certain breeds of dogs (specifically, pit bulls) must be addressed. These breeds should be regulated in the same way in which other dangerous species, such as leopards, are regulated. Individual municipalities need the power to enact ordinances that can protect their citizens from this risk. If they are to obtain such power, the issue must be addressed at the local, county, and state legislative levels." <http://blog.dogsbite.org/2011/05/texas-doctors-produce-study-mortality.html>

I attached Medical/Academic Research Links Regarding Dog Attacks: <http://www.nationalpitbullvictimawareness.org/npbva-campaign/pdfs/>

You are in good company: All 290 U.S. military bases ban pit bulls. There are 937 U.S. cities and 41 countries which enact breed specific ordinances because they present an unreasonable risk to health and public safety <http://www.banpitbulls.org/where/where-pit-bulls-banned/>

Montreal, Quebec is leading the way for public safety for 2016! It's amazing to watch Montreal with a population over a million people, ban new pit bulls to protect the public only after a few severe attacks. But here in the U.S., I read everyday up to 5 severe pit bulls attacks.

<http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/montreal/montreal-pit-bull-dangerous-dogs-animal-control-by-law-1.3780335#commentwrapper>

Our national humane orgs such as, Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA, Best Friends Animal Society, pit bull owners/advocates and legislators have turned our communities into killing fields for pit bulls.

Pit bull-type dogs make up 5% of the U.S. dog population but are responsible for 95% of the severe attacks on people, pets and livestock every year in the U.S. By taking time to read these tragedies, you'll discover most of the killing pit bulls came from loving homes. No other dog breeds even come close to the carnage pit bulls cause.

From 2005-2016, 252 people killed by pit bull type dogs. <http://www.dogsbite.org/dog-bite-statistics-fatalities.php>

This site tracks daily severe pit bull attacks. Please follow for one month: <http://www.nationalpitbullvictimawareness.org/>

Dogs can be great escape artist. When pit bulls get loose it can be dangerous and deadly for everyone in the neighborhood. I attached a picture of a mother kissing her son goodbye after the child is fatally mauled by two pit bulls. Just before the pit bull attack, Tyler was riding his bike after returning from school. With so many irresponsible or naïve pit bull owners, all of you are not immune to someone in your own community harboring a pit bull that could kill one of your family members. If these pit bulls were a beagle or I could name almost 300 dog breeds this child would be alive to today. <http://blog.dogsbite.org/2013/04/2013-dog-bite-fatality-callaway-boy-savagely-mauled-by-dogs-dies.html>

Why should public safety depend on how someone raises their dog? There are irresponsible owners of poodles, beagles, greyhounds and I could name 300 dog breeds that will not lead to severely maimed or dead neighbors, pets and children. It shouldn't be a death sentence for any of us to depend on all pit owners to raise their pit right. That's impossible. If you think it's how they are raised, then they should be regulated or banned.

Two words to prove pit bull type dogs are inherently dangerous, "BREAK STICK".

Does this sound like a normal and safe dog breed to have live in our neighborhoods? Pit Bull Rescue Central recommends ALL pit bull owners to have a "break stick", a wedge-shaped piece of wood used to pry open a pit bull's jaw during an attack. "Since pit bulls have a strong fighting background, we recommend that pet owners also have a breaking stick as a precaution, even if they don't plan to use it in an illegal context. However, please be discreet. Breaking sticks are not something to brag about and the general public might have the wrong impression if you walk around with a stick in your hand. Breaking sticks are not illegal, but they are considered dog fighting paraphernalia in certain states and/or with certain law enforcement agents."
<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2008/09/break-sticks-tool-used-to-pry-open-pit.html>

This person demonstrates how to use a break stick on a pit-bull: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfMVH4wY5Pg>

Pit-bull Rescue Central, the leading authority of pit bull types, admits MOST pit-bull types are not safe around other dogs because of their genetics. For that reason alone is why I do not consider them safe family pets for our neighborhoods. These are powerful animals that break away from their guardians all the time and maul & kill another beloved pet or person in front of a child or person. This is a typical pit attack on another beloved pet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZTiGWgQubA> Too many children & adults have watched their beloved pets be mauled to death by pit bulls. Many develop Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder after watching a horrific pit attack: http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=684_1405912995

According to Pit Bull Rescue Central, "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. 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." http://www.pbrc.net/misc/PBRC_dogpark.pdf"

Red Flag: MOST insurance companies have come to the same conclusion and do not cover pit-bulls because they can't afford the risk. Insurance companies have a calculated actuarial risk of pit bulls of 3,000% compared with other dogs. Pit bulls are seven times more likely to attack their owners. Dog attacks are the third most common claim on homeowner's insurance. More evidence that people who have pit-bulls and certain other types of breeds are endangering people and other people's beloved pets in our communities.
<https://www.esurance.com/info/homeowners/does-homeowners-insurance-cover-pit-bulls>

Most dogs warn you before they attack, growling or barking to tell you how angry they are—"so they don't have to fight," ASPCA adviser and animal geneticist Stephen Zawistowski stresses. Not the pit bull, which attacks without warning. Most dogs, too, will bow to signal that they want to frolic. Again, not the pit bull, which may follow an apparently playful bow with a lethal assault. More information from experts about pit bull traits: http://www.city-journal.org/html/9_2_scared_of_pit.html

BENJAMIN HART, professor emeritus at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and animal behaviorist, "It's quite common for a pit bull to show no signs of aggression. People will call it a nice dog, a sweet dog, even the neighbors - and then all of a sudden something triggers the dog, and it attacks a human in a characteristic way of biting and hanging on until a lot of damage is done. Hart said pit bulls are responsible for about 60 percent of dog attack fatalities each year, which is "way out of proportion" compared with other breeds. Pit bulls make up less than 5 percent of the American dog population. "It's very poor policy to allow any child around a pit bull, in my mind, let alone climb on a dog." More info from pit bull experts: <http://thetruthaboutpitbulls.blogspot.com/2012/10/no-one-can-be-great-thinker-who-does.html?m=>

Tia Torres who has a T.V. show on Animal Planet called, "Pit Bulls & Parolees" wrote this for Rescue Train. "It's a mistake to think the fighting gene can be easily trained or loved out of a pit-bull."

Why she think it's appropriate to rehome pit bulls after saying that is beyond me. Adopting out predators of other people's beloved pets compromises public safety. In my opinion is immoral. Pit bulls are zero mistake dogs and people make too many mistakes. http://www.therescuetrain.org/pit_bull_education.php

This issue has never been about which breeds bite the most. The issue with pit bulls is the degree of damage they inflict, and their attacks being more likely to result in fatality. Appellate courts across the United States have recognized the dangers of the pit bull breed for over 25-years. We've listed excerpts from court decisions that demonstrate this. <http://www.dogsbite.org/legislating-dangerous-dogs-appellate-court-decisions.php>

Thanks for listening to my concerns,

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Supporter of National Pit Bull Victim Awareness

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