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Pet tales: Pit bull and baby become best friends

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We adopted our American pit bull terrier Rox from the New Haven Animal Shelter in June 2006. She was 8 months old, skinny, abused and healing from a broken leg.

The day I picked her out, I brought my son, who was 6 months old. She licked his face and rolled over on her belly so we could rub it.

When we brought her home, everything was great. She got along with every family member and every dog she met. We take her to the dog park every day and she has made a lot of friends.

There have been many times when she gets snubbed because she is a pit bull.

I have had people yell at me for owning a pit with a child. I simply say I am educated on the breed and at this point if you tried to separate my son from his dog, it would break his heart.

Every morning when my son gets up, the first thing he wants is his dog. They lay on the couch together like best friends. They run around the house playing tag and all you hear is laughter.

She is no longer our pet. She is our family. She has never harmed anyone or any animal ever. We love her with all our hearts.

I have had to defend my position as a mother because of her, but it's worth it. I have cried because of the mean things people say about her, but they only say things they see on TV.

I don't cry because they make me feel bad, I cry because Rox is a good and kind spirit and only looks at people with love, and I don't want her to ever understand what people are saying.

She has forgotten that she was abused and her leg has healed well. She only has love in her life now and that is what makes her such a wonderful pet.
