

# The Truth about Pit Bulls

## Don't believe everything you have heard!

- ◆ There are an estimated 4.8 million registered American Pit Bull Terriers that have been selectively bred for companionship and conformation dog shows. This number does not include the unregistered APBT's, which would add significantly to the 4.8 million.
- ◆ The pit bull breeds have NEVER been bred for human aggression. These dogs, like all other dog breeds, are not born inherently mean or bad! They can, like any other breed, become mean through lack of training, abuse, neglect and irresponsible ownership and breeding.
- ◆ Pit bulls do NOT have locking jaws; the pit bull's jaw is identical to any other dog of a similar size.
- ◆ Did you know that pit bulls consistently rate higher in the American Temperament Society's tests every year than many common "family" dogs? The three breeds that make up pit bulls rate around the 83% passing whereas the Golden Retriever is in the 82%, Greyhound is in the 81%. You can view the list at [www.atts.org](http://www.atts.org).
- ◆ The United States Custom Service recruits pit bulls from Shelters to train in detection. One of their all time top dogs was Popsicle, who was rescued from a refrigerator during a raid. Popsicle currently has the highest money bust to date.
- ◆ One of the top-rated Search & Rescue teams in the U.S. is Kristine Crawford's American Pit Bull Terrier, Dakota. Kris has two other SAR pit bulls! They were hand-picked by NASA to aid in the recovery of the astronauts from the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. They were also involved in the Laci Peterson search and just recently saved a woman's life. You can learn more about Kris and her team at [www.forpitsake.org](http://www.forpitsake.org).
- ◆ President Roosevelt, Anthony Robbins, President Wilson, Fred Astaire, General Patton, Humphrey Bogart, Helen Keller, Thomas Edison, Bernadette Peters, Michael J. Fox, Ken Howard, Shannon Elizabeth, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson, what do these people have in common? They are ALL the proud owners of pit bulls!
- ◆ There are many pit bulls who are productive members of society. Trained to be service dogs, therapy assistants, educational dogs, narcotics detection, actors, search and rescue and more. Many have become public heroes saving peoples lives.

