



PIT BULL FACTS & FIGURES

Fatal and disfiguring pit bull attacks have increased **830% in seven years**. Hundreds of people are attacked, injured, bitten, or killed by pit bulls in North America every week. Yet pit bulls make up only **3-5%** of owned dogs.

Pit bull attacks are endemic in every part of the United States. Pit bulls consistently bite people at least **twice as much** and up to **10 times** as much as any other type of dog.

Pit bull attacks are one of the biggest public safety issues in America today. In the first four months of 2015, pit bulls killed more people than **Dobermans killed in 60 years**.

Pit bulls have been bred for hundreds of years with a **killing instinct**. They usually do not give obvious warnings or appear aggressive until they attack. Most pit bull attacks result from **very minor triggers**. 48% of people killed by pit bulls in 2014 were **family members** and the majority of them raised, trained and loved their dogs. Most attacks are on **children**.

Dog bites and other canine-related injuries accounted for **\$530 million** in homeowners' insurance liability claim payments in 2014 — more than 1/3 of total U.S. homeowner claim payouts. In addition to attacks on people, pit bulls killed more than **14,250 dogs and 5,216 cats** in the U.S. in 2013-2014 and **5580 hooved animals**.

Currently there are bans and restrictions on pit bulls in **more than 935 U.S. cities** and **292 US military bases**. Many cities, including the largest US public housing authority in New York City, ban pit bulls through **Housing Authorities**. Despite extensive lobbying by pro-pit bull advocates, cities and counties in at least **13 states** have reported successful results from breed-specific laws.

Pit bulls themselves are victims of the current crisis. Taxpayers currently subsidize over \$2 billion annually for shelters, with **6 times** as many pit bulls euthanized as other types of dogs. Due to rampant breeding and low spay-neuter rates, almost one million pit bulls are killed in shelters every year. Only **one in 600** pit bulls will find a home. Shelters and the ASPCA are under enormous pressure to re-home pit bulls without taking **due precautions** for public safety.