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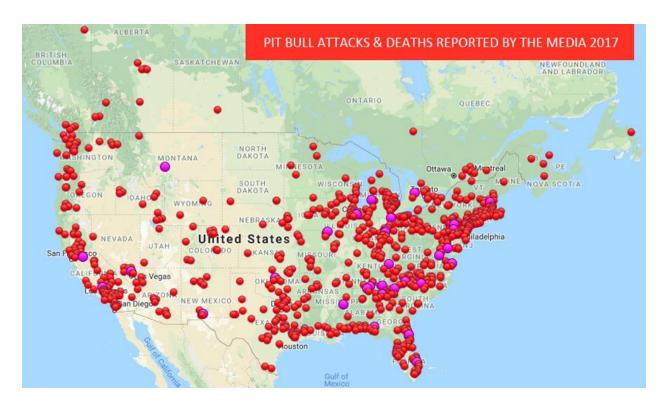
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# Introduction

We speak tonight for the victims of pit bull attacks. National Pit Bull Victim Awareness represents more than 75 victim support groups in Canada and the United States. Three of the five founding members are Canadian.

Since we formed 4 years ago, the media in Canada and the United States has reported an average of 1000 pit bull attacks per year. But that is only a small percentage of the estimated attacks.



Interactive map of attacks by pit bulls reported by the media, 2017 (1)

In Canada and the United States in 2016, an estimated 17,000 dogs were killed by pit bulls and 1,200 were severely injured. 2,500 cats and 6,400 farm animals and wildlife were killed (2).

In the United States in 2017, a man, woman or child was killed by a pit bull **every 11.7 days** on average (<u>Appendix I</u>).

In response to media reports, victims encounter a wall of denial. Their injuries are dismissed, and their credibility is challenged. In addition, because of the denial, more than one million abandoned pit bull-type dogs are euthanized in North America every year (4).

We would like to make five points tonight.

# I. We believe communities must be allowed to protect the public with dog safety laws, and breed laws where necessary.

We support Bill 128 in its recommendation to create a mandatory bite registry, and to provide a framework of laws to protect victims.

Medical studies and expert opinions from doctors, regardless of the location of institutions or medical facilities, consistently conclude that attacks by pit bull-type dogs result in disproportionate damage compared to other types of dogs. Please see <u>Appendix 2</u>, a list of 22 articles in refereed medical journals that compare the severity and frequency of injuries caused by pit bulls to injuries by other types of dogs. BSL seeks to cut down not simply on "bites", but on the number of severe injuries, emergency surgeries, facial reconstructions, amputations and even deaths by pit bull-type dogs through preventative measures.

We believe breed-neutral laws are dangerous to people and other animals. It is **not** in the interest of public safety to wait for an attack. **First attacks** by pit bulls almost always result in severe injury. In some cases, the first bite is fatal.

At the current time, in most areas, the burden of proof for dog attacks is on the victims. Victims must seek help and initiate legal cases at a time when they are most vulnerable. In many areas, no one keeps track of attacks or the type of dog.

Proactive community-specific laws put the burden of proof on **owners**, instead of victims. By restricting dangerous dogs, Bill 128 recognizes the cost and severity of victims' injuries and the difficulty of receiving compensation.

### II. We believe dangerous dogs are a public safety issue.

In our opinion, the amount of severe injury and trauma to victims is greater than any benefits gained by breeding, selling, rescuing or transporting these dogs. We do not believe **interest groups** have greater rights than victims of dangerous dogs.

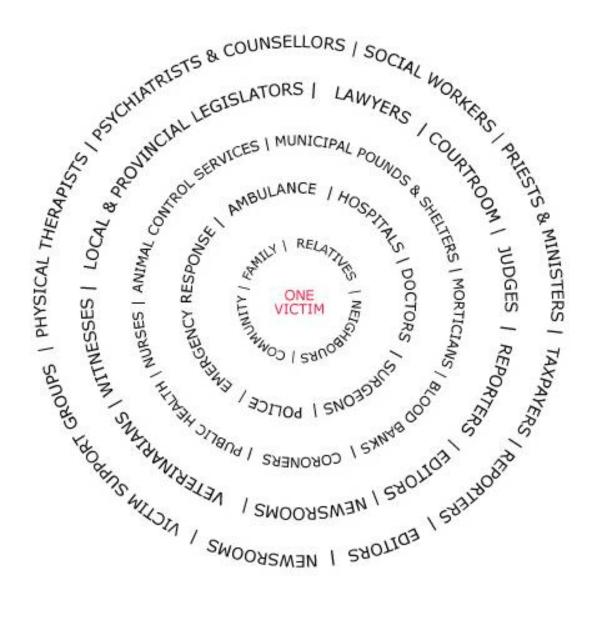
We do not believe it is difficult to identify pit bull-type dogs. Courts have ruled that a dog owner of ordinary intelligence can identify a pit bull (5). In addition, there are more than 60 rescue groups in Quebec that can identify pit bulls. There are 112,000 rescue groups listed on Petfinder that can identify pit bull-type dogs. There are thousands of people in Quebec and Ontario, including lawyers, veterinarians and lobby groups, who advocate for pit bulls. By

default, they must be able to identify pit bull-type dogs.

We need people to understand that one serious attack is like a stone thrown into a lake. It causes ripples with consequences for the whole community. Please see our chart showing the impact of one dog attack on a community.

Beginning from the centre ring, you can see one attack affects not only families and neighbourhoods, but emergency response services, animal services, police, doctors and hospitals, public health officials, lawyers, victim support groups, therapists and many more.

### IMPACT OF 1 DOG ATTACK ON A COMMUNITY



In the second chart, you can see it is very costly for a community to have even one serious dog attack. Taxpayers are **already** funding the people who respond to an attack, who transport victims, who provide urgent care in hospitals, who counsel and rehabilitate them, and who must undertake extensive court cases. The Working Committee for Bill 128 estimated that in 2013 alone there were nearly 117,000 cases of bites in Quebec that caused between 7,000 and 20,000 medical consultations (6).

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### III. We believe incidents of injury by dangerous dogs are greatly under-reported to the public.

A recent study indicates 96% of dog bite injury claims made to insurance companies are not reported by the media (7).

In Quebec, the working committee for Bill 128 has estimated there are 164,000 dog bites every year in Quebec (6.) By comparison, our group identified only 40 news reports of dog bites in Quebec in three years. Please see <u>Appendix 3</u>. Under current privacy laws that govern reports by physicians and veterinarians, the public has no official way to know how serious the problem is.

In addition, the media and shelters are both reluctant to name breed. In one study, 41% of shelter workers indicated they would knowingly mislabel a dog of a restricted breed (8).

Bill 128 will help set a framework for better reporting, and for more frequent reporting, with mandatory reporting by veterinarians and physicians, and compulsory regulation for dogs. The media and animal organizations must do better to protect people.

# IV. We believe enormous damage has resulted from the promotion of these dogs as safe family and community pets.

Bill 128 is a pro-active response to the potential danger of these dogs in the community. In addition to medical studies previously mentioned, please see twenty testimonies by animal science experts on pit bulls (9). All studies of victims indicate the people most at risk are children and the elderly.

We do not support the efforts of shelters and rescue groups to promote pit bull-type dogs for families. We do not call an animal a "pet" when it needs special training, to be monitored 24/7 and have its natural aggression towards dogs curbed by its owners. Pit bulls are not safe around other people's dogs because of their genetics. They were bred to recognize other dogs as prey. We understand that some pit bulls may never attack a human or another animal, but that is not an argument that will **protect the public from those that do**.

Training suggestions by experts often includes recommendations for "break sticks," a wedge-shaped piece of wood used to pry open a pit bulls' jaw during an attack (10). We believe most attacks are not due to "bad" owners, but to naive owners who do not understand breed traits.

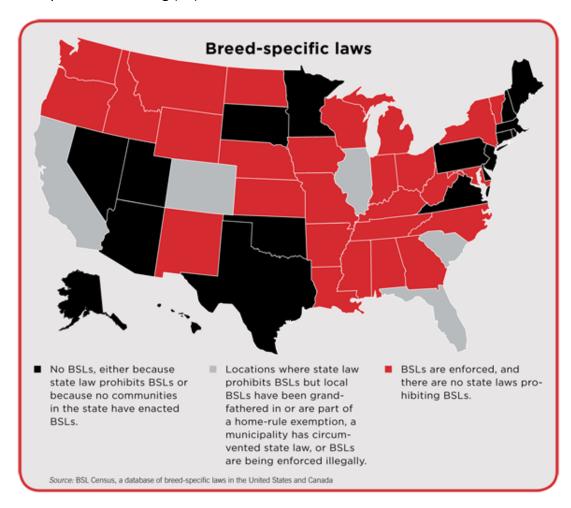
In our opinion, public education is not the best answer to the problem of dangerous dogs. There are 300 breeds of dogs that do not require the public to be educated about canine body language in order to co-exist with them. There are 300 breeds of dogs that might be neglected and abused, but do not turn on people or kill other animals as a result.

We believe BSL saves lives by reducing the numbers of abandoned dogs (11). We agree with PETA that breed-specific sterilization is a common-sense solution (12). We believe the numbers of pit bulls in shelters is a **symptom of the problem itself**: that pit bull-type dogs are most likely to be abandoned. They are also over-represented in abuse cases where the pit bulls themselves are victims (13).

# V. We believe the situation has long since reached a crisis point in the United States and that the situation in Canada can only get worse.

42 countries have breed restrictions and bans on dogs like pit bulls. Please see Appendix 4 for a list of countries.

More than 900 cities in the United States currently have some form of breed-specific legislation. The U.S. Army, Air Force, and Marines ban pit bull—type dogs and certain breeds from privatized housing (14).



Map of areas in the UNITED STATES where BSL is enforced

A map of Canada, below, shows approximately **220 cities and towns outside Ontario** with breed-specific legislation in 2017 (15).



Map of areas in Canada with BSL <a href="https://www.zeemaps.com/view?group=1934416&x=-109.391595&y=54.233534">https://www.zeemaps.com/view?group=1934416&x=-109.391595&y=54.233534</a>

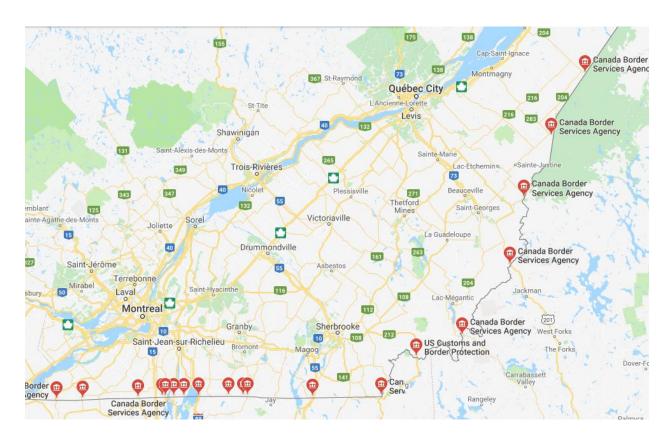
Please see a partial, annotated list of Canadian locations with BSL in <u>Appendix 5</u>. We would like to see Quebec join the majority of Canadian locations with bans and restrictions on pit bull type dogs.

By passing Bill 128, 80% of the population of Canada will live in areas where pit bull-type dogs are restricted.

In fact, by **not** enabling BSL, many locations in Canada are having difficulties with dangerous dogs. Please see <u>Appendix 6</u>. Cities including Vancouver, Surrey, Prince George, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina and Ottawa are experiencing serious or disproportionate numbers of attacks. Victims have begun to launch civil suits against the cities.

The importation of pit bulls into Canada is a serious issue (16). We believe the importation of pit bulls from shelters in the United States must stop. BSL in Quebec will help protect the public by closing 19 Quebec border crossings used by shelters and rescue groups to import dangerous dogs from four states.

Restrictions on dangerous dogs would close border crossings from New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, and restrict cross-border transportation from three Canadian provinces: Ontario, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador.



Map of border crossings into Quebec from the United States

Finally, we believe Bill 128 will establish a framework to protect people not only from dangerous dogs, but also **from the people** who threaten victims, journalists, legislators, lawyers, doctors, veterinarians and others who dare to speak up about this urgent issue. The clear and specific language of Bill 128 will ensure that people who are concerned about attacks by dangerous dogs will now be supported by law.

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# **APPENDIX I: PIT BULL FATALITIES, CANADA AND USA**

# 2017: Pit bulls/mixes responsible for 31 of 45 fatalities

01/17/17 Skylar Julius, 2 months old, San Marcos, TX - Killed by family German shepherd in home 02/13/17 Louise Hermida, 75, Queens, NY - Killed by her English mastiff-Great Dane mix in her home 02/16/17 Boy, 5, Clarksville, TN - Killed by 2 family English mastiffs in home 02/24/17 James Bennett, 79, Palm Coast, FL - Died 5 days after being attacked by pit bull-mix 02/25/17 Man, 21, Philadelphia, PA - Killed by his pet pit bull in his home 02/26/17 Jamie Owsley, 21, Quincy, IL - Killed by cousin's pit bull in their home 02/28/17 Valentin Herrera, 76, Los Angeles, CA - Killed by 2 neighbourhood pit bulls walking his dog 03/23/17 Jase Fohs (boy), 8 months old, Lusby, MD - Killed by family pit bull 04/06/17 Cecille Short, 82, Oklahoma City, OK - Killed by 2 pit bulls while walking her dog (also killed) 04/25/17 Maurice Brown, 60, Dayton, OH - Killed by a pit bull while walking down an alley 04/27/17 Lisa Green, 32, Upper Macungie, PA - Killed by her own pit bull-mix on her deck 05/01/17 Jane Egle, 59, Buncombe Co., NC - Killed by her Boerboel (S. African mastiff) in her home 05/07/17 James Patterson, 63, Jackson's Gap, AL - Killed by pack of dogs while riding on scooter 05/08/17 Kamiko Dao Tsuda-Saelee, 6 months, Las Vegas, NV - Killed by family pit bull-mix in home 05/12/17 Sandra Keiser, 71, Redding, CT - Killed by her own "mixed breed" rescue dog 05/26/17 Susannah Murray, 3 weeks old, Grand Rapids, MI - Killed by 3 family pit bulls in home 06/01/17 Margaret Colvin, 90, Virginia Beach, VA - Killed by family 1-year-old rescued pit bull in home 06/09/17 Marcos Raya, Jr., 18 months, Phoenix, AZ - Killed by family Rottweiler in home 06/25/17 Melissa Barnes, 65, Bozeman, MT - Killed by tenants' 2 pit bulls while working in her yard 07/11/17 Vinson Tucker, 79, Whitley City, KY - Killed by four dogs (1 pit bull) near a wrecking yard 07/20/17 Michael Parks, 60, Fostoria, OH - Killed by his own pit bull that was attacking another dog 07/26/17 Andrew Kochut, 41, Kitchener, ON - Killed by his pet bulldog-mix in his home 07/27/17 Jacob Brooks, 4, El Paso, TX - Killed by pit bull, 3 shepherd mixes (family dogs) in his yard

07/29/17 Boy, 21 days old, Bangor, ME - Killed by family husky/shepherd-mix in home

08/01/17 Paris Adams (boy), 20 months, Hartwell, GA - Killed by 2 family pit bulls in his yard 08/19/17 Michael Obergas, 2 months, Houston, TX - Killed by family giant Schnauzer-mix and lab-mix 08/26/17 Alicia Malagon, 76, Fountain, FL - Killed by daughter's pit bull in daughter's home 08/27/17 Grace Walks, 41, Lake Worth, FL - Killed by family pit bull and bulldog in her yard 09/20/17 Connie Storey, 61, Beatline, Neshoba County, MS - Killed by her son's pit bull 09/20/17 Barrett Hagans, 1 month old, Pike Township, OH - Killed by 2 family pit bulls 09/28/17 Kathy Nichelson, 61, Cherry Log, GA - Killed by pit bull as she walked up friend's driveway 10/21/17 Javian Candolario, 7, Lowell, MA - Killed by 2 pit bulls after they pulled him over fence 10/30/17 Sharon Lindemann, 75, Hartman, AR - Killed by unidentified stray dogs in her driveway 11/03/17 Sophia Booth, 2 weeks old, Cleveland, OH - Killed by family German shepherd in home 11/04/17 David Baber, 65, Hamlet, NC - Killed by his pet pit bull and mixed breed dog in his backyard 11/23/17 Man, 65, Philadelphia, PA - Killed by 4 pit bulls in a yard 11/29/17 Tracey Cornelius, 46, Guntersville, AL - Killed by her brother's 4 pit bulls in his yard 12/01/17 Korbin Williams, 8, Gaffney, SC - Killed by 3 mixed breeds 12/07/17 Emily Mae Colvin, 24, Section, AL - Killed by neighbour's 5 pit bull-mixes in her front yard 12/11/17 Dorothy Ford, 77, Alsip, IL - Killed by family pit bull in her backyard 12/14/17 Bethany Stephens, 22, Goochland, VA - Killed by her 2 pet pit bulls while on walk 12/20/17 Carol Harris, 69, Phoenix, AZ - Killed by an Akita while volunteering at kennel 12/24/17 Lorraine Saylor, 66, Arjay, KY - Killed by neighbour's 2 pit bulls while in her yard 12/28/17 Deborah Onsurez, 56, Modesto, CA - Killed by pack of dogs, incl. pit bull, in driveway

# 2016: Pit bulls/mixes responsible for 26 of 33 fatalities

01/03/16 Tyler Trammell-Huston, 9, Linda, CA - Killed by his sister's 3 pit bulls in her home 01/08/16 Payton Lyrik Sawyers, 15 mo., Independence, VA - Killed by babysitter's pit bull-mix 01/24/16 Talen West, 7, Lumberton, NC - Killed by neighbour's pit bull while playing in the woods 01/30/16 Kathleen Green, 78, Kamloops, BC - Killed by grandson's pit bull-mix chained in yard 02/07/16 Aiden Grim-Morelli, 3 days old, Youngstown, OH - Killed by family shepherd-mix in home 02/10/16 Suzanne Story, 36, Perquimans County, NC - Killed by her pet pit bull-mix in home

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#### ANNEXE/APPENDIX II

# ARTICLES DANS LES JOURNAUX MÉDICAUX REFUSÉS

#### ARTICLES IN REFEREED MEDICAL JOURNALS

#### **Injury Prevention, 2018**

Efficacité de la législation spécifique à la race dans la réduction des hospitalisations pour blessures par pigûre de chien à Manitoba

Constatations: En comparant le taux d'hospitalisations pour blessures par piqûre de chien à Winnipeg (où il y a interdiction des pit-bulls) et à Brandon (où il n'y a pas d'interdiction), une réduction de 14,7% du taux d'hospitalisation tous âges confondus, et de 28,1% pour les moins de 20 ans.

Effectiveness of breed-specific legislation in decreasing dog-bite injury hospitalizations in Manitoba

Findings: By comparing the rate of dog bite injury hospitalizations in Winnipeg (where there is a ban on pit bulls) and Brandon (where there is no ban), a 14.7% reduction in the rate of dog bite injury hospitalizations was found for people of all ages, and of 28.1% for people under 20 years.

# Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, 2018

Analyse rétrospective des rapports de nécropsie de 2001 à 2012 suggérant des abus chez les chiens et les chats

Résultats: Les chiens de type pitbull (29/73 ou 40%) étaient surreprésentés dans plusieurs catégories d'abus, tel que traumatisme balistique et traumatisme contondant. Cela soutient la législation pour stérilisation obligatoire pour réduire la souffrance.

Retrospective analysis of necropsy reports from 2001-2012 suggestive of abuse in dogs and cats Results: Pit bull-type dogs (29/73 or 40%) were overrepresented in several abuse categories, such as gunshot and blunt-force trauma. This supports legislation for mandatory spay/neuter to reduce suffering.

### International Journal of Surgery Case Reports, 2017

Attaque de Pit Bull causant un traumatisme vasculaire menaçant les membres - Une série de cas

Conclusion: Les attaques de pitbull terriers sont plus susceptibles de causer une morbidité sévère que les autres races de chiens.

Pit bull attack causing limb threatening vascular trauma - A case series Conclusion: Attacks by pit bull terriers are more likely to cause severe morbidity than other breeds of dogs.

# American Society of Plastic Surgeons, 2017

Une approche algorithmique de la prise en charge opératoire des morsures pédiatriques complexes chez les chiens: Examen triennal d'un hôpital régional de référence en traumatologie pédiatrique

Résultats: Sur les 56 cas qui ont identifié une race de chien, les pit-bulls représentaient 48,2% des morsures de chiens, et 47,8% des piqûres de pit bull exigeaient une intervention dans la salle d'opération.

An algorithmic approach to operative management of complex pediatric dog bites: A 3 Year Review of a Level I Regional Referral Pediatric Trauma Hospital

Results: Of the 56 cases that identified dog breed, pit bulls accounted for 48.2 percent of the dog bites, and 47.8 percent of pit bull bites required intervention in the operating room.

#### Clinical Pediatrics, 2016

Caractéristiques de 1616 blessures consécutives à une morsure de chien consécutives dans une seule institution

Résultats: Les piqûres de piqûres de taureaux ont été impliquées dans la moitié de toutes les chirurgies et plus de 2,5 fois plus susceptibles de mordre dans plusieurs endroits anatomiques par rapport aux autres races.

Characteristics of 1616 consecutive dog bite injuries at a single institution Results: Pit bull bites were implicated in half of all surgeries and over 2.5 times as likely to bite in multiple anatomic locations as compared to other breeds.

### American Journal of Otolaryngology, 2015

Morsures de chien de la tête et du cou: une évaluation du traumatisme pédiatrique commun Résultats: Le tiers des 334 cas de morsures de chiens étaient causés par des pit-bulls, et les piqûres de pit-bulls étaient plus graves que chez les autres chiens.

Dog bites of the head and neck: An evaluation of common pediatric trauma Results: One-third of 334 dog bite cases were by pit bulls, and bites from pit bulls more severe than other dogs.

#### Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 2015

Traumatisme oculaire des morsures de chien

Résultats: Les pit-bulls étaient la race la plus fréquente associée aux blessures oculaires dues aux morsures de chien.

Ocular Trauma from Dog Bites

Results: Pit bulls were the most frequent breed associated with ocular injuries from dog bites.

# Journal of Pediatric Surgery, 2015

Morbidité des morsures de chiens pédiatriques

Résultats: Sur 650 incidents de morsures de chiens, les pit-bulls étaient le plus souvent responsables de morsures de chiens pédiatriques, représentant 39% des incidents où la race était documentée.

Morbidity of pediatric dog bites

Results: Of 650 dog bite incidents, pit bulls were most frequently responsible for pediatric dog bites, accounting for 39% of incidents where breed was documented.

# **Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery, 2012**

Traumatisme périorbitaire causé par les attaques du pit bull terrier Résultats: Dans le contexte ophtalmique, les attaques de pit bull terrier impliquent le plus souvent des enfants et entraînent des lacérations de la paupière.

Periorbital trauma from pit bull terrier attacks

Results: In the ophthalmic setting, pit bull terrier attacks most frequently involve children and result in eyelid lacerations.

# **Injury Prevention, 2012**

Efficacité de la législation spécifique à la race pour réduire l'incidence des hospitalisations pour blessures par piqûre de chien chez les personnes dans la province canadienne du Manitoba. Résultats: Une diminution de 20% du nombre d'hospitalisations causées par les morsures de chien dans les 16 régions de la province qui ont adopté une loi spécifique à la race.

Effectiveness of breed-specific legislation in decreasing the incidence of dog-bite injury hospitalizations in people in the Canadian province of Manitoba Results: A 20% decrease in the number of hospitalizations caused by dog bites for the 16 regions within the province that had enacted breed-specific legislation.

#### **Journal of Forensic Sciences, 2012**

Accidents mortels liés aux animaux - Partie I: Constatations d'autopsie caractéristiques et causes variables de décès associées à un traumatisme contondant et trenchant Résultats: Dans une étude sur les piqûres de carnivores chez des chiens présentant des lésions "trouées et déchirées", les pit-bulls ont été impliqués dans 42 à 45% des attaques.

Animal Related Fatalities - Part I: Characteristic Autopsy Findings and Variable Causes of Death Associated with Blunt and Sharp Trauma

Results: In a study of carnivore bites from dogs with a "hole and tear" pattern of wounding, pit bulls were involved in 42-45% of attacks.

#### The West Virginia Medical Journal, 2011

Morsures de chien du visage, de la tête et du cou chez les enfants

Résultats: Des piqûres plus sévères et des blessures ont été observées lors des attaques des races pitbull et Rottweiler.

Dog bites of the face, head and neck in children

Results: More severe bites and injuries were observed in attacks from the pit-bull and Rottweiler breeds.

### Anals of Surgery, 2011

Mortalité, Mauling, et Maiming par les chiens vicieux

Résultats: Dans un examen de 15 ans, les attaques de pit-bulls associés à des taux de morbidité plus élevés, des frais hospitaliers plus élevés, un risque de décès plus élevé que les attaques d'autres races de chiens.

Mortality, Mauling, and Maiming by Vicious Dogs

Results: In a 15 year review, attacks by pit bulls associated with higher morbidity rates, higher hospital charges, a higher risk of death than are attacks by other breeds of dogs.

# American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, 2009

Accidents mortels liés à la morsure de chien: un examen de 15 ans des cas d'examinateur médical du Kentucky

Résultats: Pit Bulls impliqués dans 45% des attaques mortelles dans une revue de 15 ans.

Dog Bite-Related Fatalities: A 15-Year Review of Kentucky Medical Examiner Cases Results: Pit bulls implicated in 45% of fatal attacks in a 15-year review.

#### American Society of Plastic Surgeons, 2009

Blessures pédiatriques chez les chiens: Hôpital pour enfants de Philadelphie Résultats: Sur un examen de 5 ans de 239 patients, 137 ou 51% ont été attaqués par des pitbulls.

Pediatric Dog Bite Injuries: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Results: In a 5-year review of 239 patients, 137 or 51% were attacked by pit bulls.

### American Association of Plastic Surgeons, 2008

Un examen de dix ans, deux institutions des attaques de chiens pédiatriques: Plaidoyer pour une interdiction à l'échelle nationale des chiens dangereux

Résultats: D'après un examen de 109 patients, 57% des chiens étaient considérés comme appartenant à une race dangereuse (Pit Bull ou Rottweiler).

A ten-year, two-institution review of pediatric dog attacks: Advocating for a nationwide prohibition of dangerous dogs

Results: From a review of 109 patients, 57% of dogs were deemed to be of a dangerous breed (Pit Bull or Rottweiler).

# The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, 2007

Pitbull Mauling Décès à Detroit

Constatation: Les pit-bulls ont tendance à attaquer la région du cou et à détruire les vaisseaux sanguins du cou et à provoquer des avulsions importantes du cuir chevelu et des oreilles.

Pitbull Mauling Deaths in Detroit

Finding: There is a tendency for pit bulls to attack the neck region and destroy the blood vessels of the neck and cause extensive avulsions of the scalp and ears.

# Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, 2000

Races de chiens impliqués dans des attaques humaines mortelles aux Etats-Unis entre 1979 et 1998

Résultats: Les attaques mortelles semblent être un problème spécifique à la race des chiens de type pit-bull et des rottweilers.

Breeds of dogs involved in fatal human attacks in the United States between 1979 and 1998 Results: Fatal attacks appear to be a breed-specific problem to pit bull-type dogs and Rottweilers.

# Pediatrics (American Academy of Pediatrics), 1996

Attaques de chiens mortels, 1989-1994

Résultats: Les pit-bulls ont été impliqués dans 24 décès sur 109 décès liés à une morsure de chien.

Fatal Dog Attacks, 1989-1994

Results: Pit bulls were involved in 24 deaths out of 109 dog bite-related fatalities.

# Pediatrics (American Academy of Pediatrics), 1991

Morsures de chien chez les enfants urbains

Résultats: Un nombre significativement plus élevé de blessures causées par des pit-bulls (94%) étaient la conséquence d'attaques non provoquées.

Dog Bites in Urban Children

Results: Significantly more pit bull injuries (94%) were the consequence of unprovoked attacks.

# Journal of the American Medical Association, 1989

Accidents mortels liés à la morsure de chien de 1979 à 1988

Résultats: Des races de pit-bull ont été impliquées dans 41,6% des 101 décès où la race de chien a été rapportée.

Dog Bite-Related Fatalities from 1979 through 1988

Results: Pit bull breeds were involved in 41.6% of 101 deaths where dog breed was reported.

# **ANNEXE/APPENDIX III**

# PAYS AVEC DES LOIS SPÉCIFIQUES À LA RACE

#### **COUNTRIES WITH BREED SPECIFIC LAWS**

Argentina Argentine Australia Australie Austria Autriche Belarus Bélarus Belgium Belgique Bermuda Bermudes Brazil Brésil Canada Canada China Chine Columbia Columbie Croatia Croatie Cyprus Chypre Denmark Danemark Ecuador Équateur England Angleterre France France Germany Allemagne Gibraltar Gibraltar Guyana Guyane Honduras Honduras Ireland Irlande Israel Israël Japan Japon Latvia Lettonie Liechtenstein Liechtenstein Malaysia Malaisie Malta Malte

New Zealand Nouvelle-Zélande
Northern Ireland Irlande du Nord

Norway Norvège

Poland Pologne Portugal **Portugal** Puerto Rico Porto Rico Romania Roumanie Russia Russie Écosse Scotland Singapore Singapour South Korea Corée du Sud Spain Espagne

St. Kitts and Nevis St-Kitts-et-Nevis

Switzerland Suisse
Thailand Thaïlande
Turkey Turquie

Turks & Caicos Islands Îles Turks et Caicos

Ukraine Ukraine

United Arab Emirates Émirats Arabes Unis

United States États-Unis
Venezuela Venezuela
Wales Pays de Galles

 $\frac{https://www.scribd.com/doc/56495216/Estimated-U-S-Cities-Counties-States-and-Military-Facilities-with-Breed-Specific-Pit-Bull-Laws}{}$ 

# APPENDIX IV ATTACKS IN THE NEWS - QUEBEC 2015-2017

#### December 29, 2017

Pit bull kills small dog in the street in Trois-Rivières.

http://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1080361/pitbull-tue-petit-chien-trois-rivieres-euthanasie (in French)

## **September 27, 2017**

\$135,000 for victim mauled by pit bulls in 2011 in La Sarre <a href="http://www.journaldemontreal.com/2017/09/26/135000-pour-la-victime-mordue-par-des-pitbulls">http://www.journaldemontreal.com/2017/09/26/135000-pour-la-victime-mordue-par-des-pitbulls</a> (in French)

## **September 11, 2017**

Golden retriever attacked by dogo argentino in L'Ancienne-Lorette <a href="http://www.journaldequebec.com/2017/09/12/un-chien-seme-la-terreur-a-lancienne-lorette">http://www.journaldequebec.com/2017/09/12/un-chien-seme-la-terreur-a-lancienne-lorette</a> (in French)

# August 26, 2017

Pit bull mauls, kills Yorkie in Montreal park.

http://www.iheartradio.ca/cjad/news/family-of-yorkie-killed-in-dog-attack-wants-pit-bull-rules-expanded-1.3250095

#### April 13, 2017

Child, 6, mauled by pit bull and dogo argentino in St-Lin-Laurentides. <a href="http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/dogs-seized-after-attack-on-child-playing-in-yard-in-laurentians">http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/dogs-seized-after-attack-on-child-playing-in-yard-in-laurentians</a>

#### April 10, 2017

Woman mauled by her pit bull and Boston terrier in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. <a href="https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/police-kill-dog-after-woman-mauled-in-st-jean-sur-richelieu-1.3362912">https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/police-kill-dog-after-woman-mauled-in-st-jean-sur-richelieu-1.3362912</a>

#### March 23, 2017

Two pit bull mixes killed husky in front of owners in St-André-d'Argenteuil. <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/3331033/montreal-couple-mourning-loss-of-their-dog-after-vicious-attack/">https://globalnews.ca/news/3331033/montreal-couple-mourning-loss-of-their-dog-after-vicious-attack/</a>

#### March 9, 2017

Young girl bit in face playing with family pit bull. <a href="http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2017/03/09/une-fillette-mordue-par-un-pitbull-alors-quelle-jouait-avec-lui">http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2017/03/09/une-fillette-mordue-par-un-pitbull-alors-quelle-jouait-avec-lui</a> (in French)

#### February 28, 2017

Man hospitalized after family pit bull-type dog mauled him in Longueuil. <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/3277952/man-injured-after-pit-bull-type-dog-attack-during-verbal-domestic-dispute/">https://globalnews.ca/news/3277952/man-injured-after-pit-bull-type-dog-attack-during-verbal-domestic-dispute/</a>

### January 29, 2017

Pit bull attacks its owner in Québec City.

http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2017/01/29/attaque-de-pitbull-a-quebec-des-voisins-etaient-inquiets (in French)

# January 22, 2017

7-year old boy mauled by a family pit bull in Verdun.

https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/dog-euthanized-after-boy-7-attacked-in-verdun-1.3252993

## November 21, 2016

Pit bull jumped a fence to attack a woman walking to pick up her child at daycare in Montreal. <a href="http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/woman-says-she-was-bitten-by-dog-in-montreal-north">http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/woman-says-she-was-bitten-by-dog-in-montreal-north</a>

## November 14, 2016

Dog attacked out of the blue by pit bull in Sherbrooke.

https://www.latribune.ca/actualites/justice-et-faits-divers/un-pitbull-attaque-un-chien-au-parc-victoria-eb94ba2574f2a3fc1090c65b98b2b851 (in French)

#### October 16, 2016

Pit bull-mix attacked teen on her way to a soccer match at Saputo Stadium in Montreal. <a href="https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/officials-seek-owner-after-dog-bites-girl-13-1.3118928">https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/officials-seek-owner-after-dog-bites-girl-13-1.3118928</a>

#### September 28, 2016

Quebec police officer attacked by pit bull in Yamachiche.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-police-officer-dog-bite-1.3783742

#### September 21, 2016

Teenager attacked by a pit bull in a Drummondville park.

http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2016/09/22/un-adolescent-mordu-par-un-chien-en-laisse (in French)

### September 18, 2016

Pit bull terrorizes neighbourhood in Ascot Corner.

http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2016/09/18/un-pitbull-fait-la-loi-dans-son-quartier (in French)

#### August 19, 2016

Two small dogs attacked in Sept-Îles by a pit bull, which breaks through a screen door to get at them.

http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2016/08/19/ses-deux-chiens-attaques-par-un-pitbull-a-sept-iles (in French)

#### July 27, 2016

Two pit bulls in Quebec attack man and his small dog.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/dogs-attack-euthanasia-small-pet-cowansville-1.3697201

### July 27, 2016

Two cats killed by a pit bull in Trois-Rivières.

http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2016/07/27/deux-chats-tues-par-un-pitbull (in French)

# July 12, 2016

Quebec letter carrier attacked by two pit bulls in Laval.

http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/postal-worker-attacked-by-two-pit-bulls

# July 7, 2016

Passing man saved St-Michel girl from vicious pit bull attack.

https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/man-suffers-bites-to-arm-after-pit-bull-attack-in-st-michel-1.2977718

#### June 28, 2016

Pit bull bit 4 year old child in Ste-Anne-des-Plaines.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/pit-bull-mix-nahla-weedon-euthanize-1.3656224

### June 23, 2016

Man mauled by pit bull while walking down street in in Ste-Adele.

https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/mobile/two-pit-bull-attacks-in-ste-adele-1.2959233

### June 23, 2016

Pit bull attacked woman while husband fought it off with baseball bat.

http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/mobile/two-pit-bull-attacks-in-ste-adele-1.2959233

# June 14, 2016

Woman bitten by pit bull in St-Roch.

http://www.journaldequebec.com/2016/06/14/mordue-par-un-pitbull (in French)

### June 14, 2016

Second woman in Ste-Adele attacked, bitten by friend's pit bull.

http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/mobile/woman-in-sainte-adele-bit-by-pit-bull-1.2946132.

#### June 9, 2016

People stop using Trois-Rivières's Champlain Park taken over by pit bulls.

http://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2016/06/09/des-citoyens-de-trois-rivieres-ont-peur-des-pitbulls (in French)

#### June 8, 2016

Montreal woman killed by neighbour's pit bull in her back yard in Pointe-aux-Trembles. <a href="http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/woman-dead-likely-due-to-dog-attack-in-pointe-aux-trembles-backyard-1.2937561">http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/woman-dead-likely-due-to-dog-attack-in-pointe-aux-trembles-backyard-1.2937561</a>

### March 1, 2016

Gatineau man attacked in a Hull apartment by his roommate's pit bull. <a href="http://www.cfra.com/news/2016/03/01/man-recovering-from-minor-injuries-after-pitbull-attack-in-hull">http://www.cfra.com/news/2016/03/01/man-recovering-from-minor-injuries-after-pitbull-attack-in-hull</a>

### November 23, 2015

Two pit bulls invade a house and kill a shih tzu in the kitchen in front of its owner. https://www.lenouvelliste.ca/actualites/son-chien-tue-par-deux-pitbullscetait-mon-chien-ou-moi-a2dd6860f2ed4c0f6668b664c7d141fa (in French)

#### October 23, 2015

Pit bull attack sends Montreal woman to hospital for three days, surgery. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/pit-bull-attack-sends-montreal-woman-to-hospital-for-three-days-1.3285367">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/pit-bull-attack-sends-montreal-woman-to-hospital-for-three-days-1.3285367</a>

# September 20, 2015

An eight-year-old girl has undergone surgery for serious injuries after she was attacked by a pair of dogs in a Brossard park on Sunday afternoon.

http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/young-girl-attacked-by-dog-in-brossard-park

#### September 19, 2015

Two pit bulls attack Gatineau man, sending him to hospital.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/2-pit-bulls-attack-gatineau-man-sending-him-to-hospital-1.3234474

#### **September 11, 2015**

A man and woman in Gatineau were attacked by their own pit bull dog, had to kill it to stop attack.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/gatineau-couple-injured-by-dog-attack-police-say-1.3223821

### July 13, 2015

Baby bit in face in Trois-Rivières; eye nearly detached.

http://fr.canoe.ca/infos/societe/archives/2015/07/20150713-165247.html (in French)

### June 8, 2015

A five-month old puppy was bitten and the owner knocked down in pit bull attack in Montreal. <a href="http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/st-michel-man-and-dog-attacked-by-pit-bull-terrier-1.2412579">http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/st-michel-man-and-dog-attacked-by-pit-bull-terrier-1.2412579</a>

# May 29, 2015

Resident of Huberdeau receives compensation after January 2014 attack by neighbour's pit bull-Rottweiler mix

http://www.journaldemontreal.com/2015/05/29/attaquee-par-le-chien-de-son-voisin-elle-obtient-4000 (in French)

# May 22, 2015

13-year old boy mauled and seriously injured by two pit-bull type dogs in Rigaud. <a href="http://globalnews.ca/news/2012777/pit-bull-controversy-reignites-after-boy-is-mauled-by-two-dogs/">http://globalnews.ca/news/2012777/pit-bull-controversy-reignites-after-boy-is-mauled-by-two-dogs/</a>

# April 30, 2015

A man in Montreal whose two pit bulls attacked and bit a woman has been sentenced to 18 months in jail.

http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/pitbull-attack-leads-to-assault-conviction-for-dog-owner

#### APPENDIX V - CANADIAN LOCATIONS THAT RESTRICT OR BAN PIT BULLS

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Pit bulls are banned in many condos and apartments in all areas of the Lower Mainland. Pit bull advocates overturned the ban in Vancouver in 2005 and in North Vancouver in 2006.

Pit bulls are banned or restricted in more than 25 towns and cities in BC, including:

**Richmond**: pit bulls are designated as dangerous dogs

https://www.richmond.ca/ shared/assets/Bylaw 7932 10231748839.pdf

Burnaby: pit bulls are defined as vicious dogs

https://bylaws.burnaby.ca/media/Consolidated/9609C.pdf

West Vancouver: pit bulls are defined as aggressive dogs with restrictions

https://westvancouver.ca/sites/default/files/bylaws/4545%20CONSOLIDATED%20ANIMAL%20

CONTROL%20AND%20LICENCE%20BYLAW%204545%202008.pdf

Pitt Meadows: pit bulls are defined as vicious dogs

http://www.pittmeadows.bc.ca/assets/Bylaws/1497%20-%20Animal%20Control%20Bylaw.pdf

Nanaimo: pit bulls are restricted

https://www.nanaimo.ca/bylaws/ViewBylaw/4923.pdf

Parksville: pit bulls are defined as dangerous or aggressive dogs

https://parksville.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/108?preview=21670

Gold River: pit bulls are restricted

http://home.cablerocket.com/~villageofgoldriver/Bylaws/Animal%20Control.pdf

**Ladysmith:** pit bulls are restricted

http://www.ladysmith.ca/docs/default-source/bylaws/1155-dog-licensing-control-and-pound-

consolidated-2015.pdf?sfvrsn=19

Castlegar: pit bulls are defined as vicious dogs

http://castlegar.ca/pdfs/572 con.pdf

**Nelson**: pit bulls are defined as vicious dogs

https://nelson.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/488?preview=1025

**Dawson Creek:** pit bulls are defined as vicious dogs

http://www.dawsoncreek.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/bylaws/Animal-Responsibility-

Bylaw-4122.pdf

Stewart: pit bulls are restricted

http://districtofstewart.com/docs/815 Animal Control Bylaw 1.pdf

**Trail**: pit bulls are prohibited to be at large, or on a highway or in a public place without being muzzled and leashed

http://www.trail.ca/en/inside-city-hall/resources/Consolidated-Animal-Control-Bylaw-Oct-24-2016.pdf

Prince Rupert: pit bulls are restricted

http://www.princerupert.ca/sites/default/files/Bylaws/ConsolidatedDogControlBylaw3250.pdf (see Schedule D)

Fort Nelson: pit bulls are restricted

https://nr.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/49756?preview=9400

#### **ALBERTA**

Pit bulls are banned or restricted in **more than 35** towns and cities in Alberta, including:

Towns near Calgary that restrict pit bulls: **Bearberry, Sundre, Bergen, Elkton, Cremona, Water Valley, Carstairs, Stirlingville, Bassano, Rosemary, Coronation, Heisler** 

Towns near Lethbridge that restrict pit bulls: Picture Butte, Magrath, Milk River

Towns near Edmonton that restrict pit bulls: **Onoway, County of St Paul, Dewberry, County of Vermillion River, Kitscoty** 

Coutts: pit bulls are banned

Nobleford: pit bulls are banned

http://nobleford.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Dog-Control-Bylaw-No.-605.pdf

Moosomin: pit bulls are banned

http://www.moosomin.com/pdf/2005-10.pdf

#### **SASKATCHEWAN**

Pit bulls are banned or restricted in more than 30 towns and cities in Saskatchewan, including:

**St Walburg:** pit bulls are banned

http://stwalburg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Animal-Control-Bylaw-12-2013.pdf

**Meota:** pit bulls are designated as dangerous dogs

Hafford: pit bulls are banned

http://www.hafford.ca/documents/bylaws/dogbylaw.pdf

Saint Louis: pit bulls are banned

Melville: pit bulls are banned

https://melville.civicweb.net/document/55/628586911125200564757PM80969.pdf

Other Saskatchewan towns that ban pit bulls include: Rose Valley, Perdue, Elrose, Burnstall, Nokomis, Cupar, Qu Appelle, Lang, Radville

#### **MANITOBA**

Pit bulls are banned in restricted in more than 40 locations in Manitoba, including:

**Winnipeg**: pit bulls are banned <a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/cms/animal/prohibited">http://www.winnipeg.ca/cms/animal/prohibited</a> animals.stm

Towns near Winnipeg that ban pit bulls include: Elie, Cartier, Dacotah, Starbuck, Lido Plage, Springstein, Oak Bluff, Sanford Brunkild, LaSalle, Domain, Niverville, Kleefeld Blumenort, Mitchell, Steinbach, Saint Jean Baptiste, Marchand

Other Manitoba towns that ban pit bulls include: Virden, Cromer, Scarth, Sinclair, Reston, Pipestone, Hartney, Deloraine, Swan River

MacDonald: pit bulls are banned <a href="http://cms.rmofmacdonald.com/">http://cms.rmofmacdonald.com/</a> docs/09-15DogControl 29d060393b.pdf (see 3 f.)

**The Pas**: pit bulls are banned <a href="http://www.townofthepas.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/by-law 4481.pdf">http://www.townofthepas.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/by-law 4481.pdf</a> (see Part XI, 25.)

#### ONTARIO

Provincial pit bull ban <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90d16">https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90d16</a>

#### **QUEBEC**

Pit bulls are banned or restricted in **more than 90** locations in Quebec. Provincial pit bull ban under review.

# https://www.zeemaps.com/view?group=1934416&x=-109.391595&y=54.233534

**NEW BRUNSWICK** 

Alma: pit bulls are banned

http://villageofalma.ca/uploads/8/6/9/5/86957452/by laws 1.pdf

Neguac: pit bulls are banned

http://www.neguac.com/sites/default/files/08-42.pdf

Salisbury: pit bulls are banned

http://salisburynb.ca/VillageOfSalisbury/images/Alpha Dev/PDF/by-laws/By-Law No. 41.pdf

Shippigan: pit bulls are restricted

https://www.shippagan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/arrete-42-2010-controle-

animaux.pdf

#### **NOVA SCOTIA**

Antigonish County: pit bulls are restricted

http://www.antigonishcounty.ns.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Dog-Control-By-Law.pdf

Clark's Harbor: pit bulls are banned

http://www.clarksharbour.com/dogcontrolbylaws.html

**Guysborough**: pit bulls are defined as fierce or dangerous <a href="http://municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/government/bylaws">http://municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/government/bylaws</a>

Richmond County: pit bulls are restricted

http://www.richmondcounty.ca/4-by-law-13-respecting-dogs/file.html

#### **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

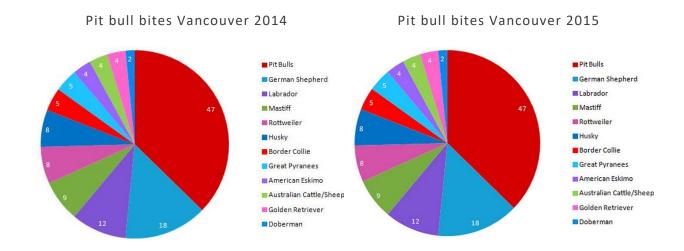
North West River: pit bulls are banned

http://www.dlcc.ca/public/canadian-laws/newfoundland/north-west-river-labrador/

### APPENDIX VI - ISSUES WITH BREED-SPECIFIC SAFETY IN CANADIAN CITIES

### Vancouver, British Columbia

Vancouver removed pit bull restrictions in 2005 on the advice of special interest groups. In 2014 and 2015, according to statistics obtained by National Pit Bull Victim Awareness from the City of Vancouver, **significantly more** pit bull-type dogs were responsible for bites.



The city of Vancouver is currently being sued for a pit bull attack that occurred in 2015. http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/puppy-attacked-pit-bull-city-vancouver-1.3368050

### Surrey, British Columbia

Surrey is facing difficulties with dangerous dogs. Surrey was forced to review its dog bylaw because of attacks. A Lower Mainland man has launched a civil suit in the BC Supreme Court.

http://m.metronews.ca/#/article/news/vancouver/2016/06/27/pit-bull-attacks-may-spark-breed-specific-laws-fear-owners.html

https://www.google.ca/amp/s/globalnews.ca/news/3511402/surrey-pit-bull-attack-lawsuit/amp/

#### **Prince George, British Columbia**

Prince George removed its ban on pit bulls in 2017 rather than try to enforce them, despite serious attacks on elderly citizens. Two months later, a provincial court judge brought attention to menacing and aggressive attacks by pit bulls.

http://www.nbc12.com/story/28825490/police-elderly-woman-attacked-by-neighbors-pit-bull http://theprovince.com/news/local-news/prince-george-pensioner-savaged-by-pit-bulls-may-lose-his-arm

http://princegeorgecitizen.com/news/local-news/judge-orders-dangerous-dogs-destroyed-1.23129302

#### Calgary, Alberta

Pit bulls are not banned in Calgary. Animal Services holds owners responsible, not dogs. The "Calgary Model" is touted as being the favoured dog ordinance in Canada. However even fines as large as \$10,000 have not been a deterrent to owners, and the city has become concerned about serious dog attacks.

Terrier-type dogs (including American Staffordshire terriers and Staffordshire bull terriers) accounted for **the third-most number of bites in 2015**. Because of Calgary's experience, it should not be used as a model for increasing public safety.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/do-pit-bull-bans-work-canada-1.3787476 http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/city-looks-to-boost-fines-for-pit-bull-bites-after-slew-of-attacks

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2013/01/04/calgary-pit-bull-attacks-three-in-one-week n 2410998.html

There were 58 dog attacks in 2009, 102 in 2010, 127 in 2011, and 201 in 2014, with a disproportional number of them by pit bulls.

http://nationalpost.com/opinion/barbara-kay-pit-bulls-are-disproportionally-dangerous-why-is-calgary-importing-more-of-them

#### **Edmonton, Alberta**

Edmonton had a pit bull ban, but repealed it in 2012 after pressure from the animal community. Between January 2013 and September 2017, statistics from the City of Edmonton showed that pit bulls are the worst offenders in fatal dog-on-dog attacks. City statistics show that American Staffordshire terriers were responsible for **more than one-third of the fatal attacks** reported in the past five years (23 of 81).

In total, 813 attacks on pets were reported in 2016 - a dramatic rise from the previous three-year average of 600 attacks, and more than double the number that occurred in 2012.

2017 stats show that serious dog attacks are now at a 5-year high in Edmonton. In 2012 there were no reported deaths

2013 - 7 deaths

2014 - 21 deaths

2015 - 15 deaths

2016 - 30 deaths

These increases are not merely a side-effect of population growth in Edmonton, which in the last decade holds around 1-3%. When BSL was eliminated in 2012, thousands of pit bulls were imported into western Canada and bred.

In 2017, dog attacks in Edmonton were at a five-year high, resulting in the death of 30 pets. http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/dog-attacks-on-pets-at-five-year-high-in-edmonton-1.4249925

In 2017, statistics from the City of Edmonton revealed pit bulls were responsible for nearly all fatal attacks on dogs between 2013-2017.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-dog-pet-attacks-fatal-1.4348090

## Regina, Saskatchewan

The city of Regina does not have BSL. In a city without BSL, it can be a lengthy process to declare a dog as dangerous, and a dangerous dog decree may only result in a requirement to muzzle the dog or restrict its movement.

Regina residents who have been attacked must make their cases with great difficulty and little result.

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/two-taken-to-hospital-after-regina-dog-attack-1.3796672

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/eyewitness-describes-pit-bull-gruesome-attack-regina-1.3565099

https://globalnews.ca/news/1831348/shots-fired-in-regina-pitbull-attack/

https://globalnews.ca/news/3742731/its-a-terrifying-feeling-regina-man-and-dog-attacked-by-pitbull/https://globalnews.ca/news/2919319/dog-attacks-regina-family-puppy-during-walk-home-from-first-day-of-school/

# Ottawa, Ontario

The City of Ottawa decided not to enforce the Ontario pit bull ban, leading to civil suits in the city.

Although pit bulls are banned in Ontario, the Ottawa Humane Society receives 4-8 pit bulls at the shelter every month.

In 2016, the City of Ottawa acknowledged that most dogs destroyed as dangerous have been pit bulls.

 $\frac{http://ottawasun.com/2016/07/29/most-dogs-ordered-put-down-after-biting-were-pit-bulls-city/wcm/f4f90d56-9b8a-406e-b22b-a504c868b7ee}{}$ 

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