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### American Pit Bull Terrier

*(Pitbull) (Pit) (Pit Bull) (Pit Terrier) (Half and Half) (Staffordshire Fighting Dog) (Bull Baiter Dogs) (Old Family Dog - the Irish name) (Yankee Terrier - the Northern name) (Rebel Terrier - the Southern name)*



Bella Luce the Pitbull Terrier at 1 1/2 years old—"I rescued my pup on her VERY LAST DAY from my local Animal Control. She was due to be euthanized THAT day!! She has been the light of my life since I got her, hence her name, Bella Luce (beautiful light in Italian)."

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	Pronunciation	<p>The Pit Bull immediately strikes one as being a dog of power, passion and undying willingness. The broad jaw head, which is especially broad between the cheeks (to house the powerful jaws), is carried upon a thickly muscled, well-defined neck. The neck tapers into a deep, thick, well-sprung chest. The American Pit Bull is a very muscular, stocky, yet agile dog that is extremely strong for his size. The ears are generally cropped, though this is optional. Docked tails are not accepted by the UKC or the APBA. The eyes are round. Both the APBA and the UKC do not accept blue eyes or the coat color merle. The American Pitbull Registry does accept a merle coat. The teeth should form a scissors bite. Its coat is made up of thick, short, shiny hair. All colors are admissible. The tail tapers to a point.</p>
	Description	<p>The American Pit Bull Terrier (APBT) has a strong pleasure to please. The APBT has added more human emotional, cultural and mental attributes than any other breed that exists today. <b>Being means are these dogs love, love and love.</b> Their natural aggressive tendencies are toward other dogs and animals, not people. However if met and properly socialized with a firm, but easy, confident, consistent pack leader, they will not even be aggressive with them. The American Pit Bull Terrier is a good natured, amiable, extremely loyal and affectionate family pet that <b>loves will protect and guard.</b> Almost always obedient, it is always eager to please its master. <b>It is an extremely courageous and intelligent guard dog that is very full of vitality.</b> Highly protective of his owners and the owner's property, it will fight an enemy to the death. It is usually very friendly, but has an uncanny ability to know when it needs to protect and when everything is okay. The American Pit Bull Terrier can be willful with meek owners and needs a firm hand. They are generally okay with other pets if they are raised with them from puppyhood. They are very friendly, but not recommended for most people, because most people do not understand how to properly raise and train dogs. Problems arise when one does not understand natural dog behavior, seeing the dog as having human emotions, and ends up with a dog who thinks he is the boss of the house. For a smaller, not as powerful dog, people can sometimes get away with this, however, for a powerful breed, one really needs to understand and follow this concept of keeping a dog. An excellent guide to learning how to properly treat a dog is the Dog Whisperer with Cesar Milan (recommended to all dog owners regardless of the breed they own). Excellent with children in the family, they have a high pain tolerance and will happily put up with rough child play. As with any breed, they should not be left alone with unfamiliar children. Used as all-around working farm dogs, they were referred to as "the poor man's horse". Later they were used as fighting dogs, the powerful American Pit Bull may go for the throat of strange dogs. A minimum of training, along with the proper amount of exercise and a firm pack leader, will produce a tranquil, obedient dog. <b>Aggressive very thoroughly when young to combat aggressive tendencies and be said to keep the dog under control.</b> After other dogs are present, <b>fighting has been reported to have by one allowing to have and not allowing it to arise downwards.</b> The humans must make the dog their friend, or let it find them when willing. It has great outstanding results as a guardian of property, but is at the same time esteemed as a companion dog. The objective in training this dog is to achieve pack leader status. It is a natural instinct for a dog to have an order in its pack. When we humans live with dogs, we become their pack. The entire pack cooperates under a single leader, lines are clearly defined and rules are set. You and all other humans MUST be higher up in the order than the dog. That is the only way your relationship can be a success. <b>When properly raised and supervised by a responsible and experienced person.</b> Unfortunately, some choose to promote the fighting instinct in the breed, giving it a "Bad name. If you would like to witness what a well-balanced Pitbull is like, tune into the Dog Whisperer and check out Daddy and Junior along with the rest of Cesar's pack of Pits. Daddy has since passed on, however there are still many episodes that air with him. R.I.P. Daddy.</p>
Temperament	<p>Height: 14 - 24 inches (35 - 60 cm) Weight: 22 - 78 pounds (10 - 35 kg)</p>	
Height	<p>The American Pit Bull Terrier is both powerful and agile. Actual weight and height are less important than the correct proportion of weight to height.</p>	
Health Problems	<p>A very common misconception is that APBTs are muscle-bound hulks that weigh in around 45 pounds (20 kg) or more and this is generally not the majority. Most of the APBTs that are that large have been crossed with other breeds and are being called American Bullies. The general public often puts American Bullies mixed up with the American Pitbull Terriers. American Cattle, Apocryphal, American Bull.</p>	
Living Conditions	<p>A generally healthy breed, although some are prone to hip dysplasia, hereditary cataracts, allergies to grass and congenital heart disease.</p>	
Exercise	<p>Pits will do okay in an apartment if they are sufficiently exercised. They are very active indoors and do alright without a yard provided they get enough exercise. Enjoys warm climates.</p>	
Life Expectancy	<p>American Pit Bull Terriers must have plenty of regular exercise and need to be taken on long, daily walks.</p>	
Litter Size	<p>American Pit Bull Terriers must have plenty of regular exercise and need to be taken on long, daily walks.</p>	

Grooming The smooth, shorthaired coat is easy to groom. Brush regularly with a firm bristle brush, and bathe or dry shampoo as necessary. A rub with a piece of taweling or charcolis will make the coat gleam. This breed is an average shedder.

Developed from the Bull and Terrier types of yesteryear, the American Pit Bull Terrier was bred as an all-around farm dog, working the farms as a cattlehog dog. Some chose to turn their talents into the sport of pit-fighting. The breed's tenacity and accompanying strength are unmatched in the canine world. As rich and captivating as the breed's history is, the Pit Bull's future is more worthy of commentary. Some proponents of the breed argue that this breed is the original bulldog of the past. Old friends and acquaintances who remain to believe this. They show dogs that look exactly like the breed today, daring things the dog is still capable of doing. For more information on this theory you can read books by Richard F. Stratton. The APBT, as registered by the UKC, is an individual breed of dog and does not refer to just any ill-bred, mindless warrior-type mongrel! At one time, the Pit Bull had an all-around reputation of a smooth-tongued, trailblazing companion. Unfortunately the breed has become a status symbol for many types of criminals who chose to train these dogs to fight. It is those types of people who are chiefly responsible for the banning and with-holding that has been sweeping the U.S. The media, however, should not go unmentioned, for it is also responsible for escalating isolated incidences in a relentless and attention-getting way. About Pit Bulls are kept as domestic dogs or sports such as security guard but the media warpedly mention BCS. They get more views promoting all Pit Bulls are bred to fight in a lot of cases when the media is reporting about a Pit Bull attacking, it is indeed not even a Pit Bull at all, but a mixed breed of some sort, or another bull breed all together. For example, there was a report on KVVU news in Philadelphia about two Pit Bulls attacking a person. The dogs did not look like Pit Bulls, but rather boxer mixes. The news station was called and asked if they knew the dogs were in fact purebred American Pit Bull Terriers, or another bull breed of some sort, or mutts, for that matter. They stated they did not know, and to call the police station to verify that information. They were asked how they could report something that they were not sure of. They had no answer and they were not sure of the dog's lineage. Even after admitting on the phone that they did not in fact know the breeds of the dogs in question, they kept calling the dogs Pit Bulls in their reports. What because the same Pit Bull will draw out the most attention from the public. The Pit Bull's future has been sent perhaps irresponsibly undone and unrecoverable in being across the dog race. This very loyal dog is too set on pleasing his owner and honoring his to the root of his own undoing. Accompanying this need to please are remarkable abilities of all kinds. Jack Dempsey, Teddy Roosevelt and Jack Johnson are just a few people who have owned Pit Bulls. Pit Bulls excel in practically every canine task including herding, guarding, hunting, poling, cart pulling and rifting. A Pit Bull named Dardanos (Dard) holds more canine working titles than AMT, other breed. The owner's name is Dime (missp) and you can reference her book, "The Working Pit Bull". It tells all of Dard's accomplishments. These dogs are truly capable of many tasks. The difference between Pits and Common Staffordshire Terriers is a difficult one. Even breeders can't agree. The main difference is the bloodline. Amstaffs are show dogs and dog fighters usually do not use dogs with Amstaff blood. As time progresses there will be more of a difference. Many are dual registered as Amstaffs with the AKC and Pits with the UKC.

media, always putting the negative issues out there never the positive.

Perfect example about media

Group Terrier  
Recognition NAPDR, UKG, NKC, ADBA, CKC, APBR, APRI, ACR, PBFSA, DRA, BBC, NA'PR

Recognition for American Pit Bull Terriers

- NAPDR = North American Purebred Dog Registry
- UKC = United Kennel Club
- NKC = National Kennel Club
- ADBA = The American Dog Breeders Association Inc.
- CKC = Continental Kennel Club
- APBR = The American Pit Bull Registry
- APRI = American Pit Registry, Inc.
- ACR = American Canine Registry
- PBFSA = Pit Bull Federation of South Africa
- DRA = Dog Registry of America, Inc.
- BBC = Biometric Breeding Club
- NA'PR = North American Purebred Registry, Inc.



*"Pretty Boy Swag aka RedDoy is a prime example of the American Pit Bull Terrier breed. He is 14 months old in this picture and is owned by us here at Five Star Bullies in central Florida. RedDoy has a perfect even temperament. He is a fun-loving dog that loves attention and long walks. He requires about 3 hours of exercise each day to maintain his muscle tone and to keep him happy. Thank you for this opportunity to promote this breed in a positive light. Amber at Five Star Bullies"*



*Spencer the 12-week-old blue-nose brindle Pit Bull puppy sits calmly as the cat checks him out. [Watch Spencer the Pit puppy grow up.](#)*

Many are certified dog assistants/therapy dogs.



Selfie with Spencer the Pitbull

A True Story  
A man was out walking his Pitbull off-leash through the woods. When the Pit turned and started walking off in a different direction the owner called the dog back to him. The dog didn't even, he obviously had something on his mind. This was so uncharacteristic of this particular dog, who always followed his owner, always listened to every command, that the owner of the Pit decided he had better follow his dog to see where he was going. The Pitbull led him to a secluded part of the woods, where an autistic boy had gotten himself into a deep mud hole and could not get out. The Pit proceeded to walk right up on the boy and lick his face. This story was told to me by the father of the autistic child. He states, "The dog saved my son's life that day. Had it not been for that Pitbull, we never would have found my son."

No more breed bans in Concordia, Kansas—Sign the Petition to end the breed ban



Zeppelin the Pitbull Terrier as an adult at 2 years old—"Your site was instrumental in helping us select a dog for our family. After researching your site we decided on a Pitbull puppy, his name is Zeppelin. He has been everything good your site has said about Pitbulls and more! He loves to be with the family, play and play all day. He is a guardian of the front door with his bark when the doorbell rings and then licks whoever is there once they come in. He was by far the easiest dog I have had to train. I only have skills to train in basic obedience, but he learned it all very easily. He is an indoor dog, very social with people and other pets, although some people find him intimidating and that nervousness transfers to the dog. He is protective of our home and loves to play in water. He sits like a 9-10 leg dog and enjoys fishing."



Zeppelin the Pitbull Terrier as a young puppy (adult pic shown above)

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*Tigger is a 20-month-old Pit Bull Terrier who weighs 60 lbs. He already obtained his Canine Good Citizen (CGC) through the AKC. Tigger loves his daily walks, going to doggy day care, and is currently training to compete in Novice Agility. He is very active, agile and is a great family pet! Tigger is loyal, calm, intelligent and friendly. He has many doggy friends, but his best friend is my sister's 4-yr. Yorkshire Terrier. They have a blast together!*



Tigger the Pit Bull Terrier at 20 months old, weighing 60 pounds



Halo the tri-color merle American Pitbull Terrier puppy at 4 months old—"Halo is our tri-color merle girl. She is four months old in the pictures and has two beautiful blue eyes. She loves to play with our *Boys* and our kids."



"Lily is the love of my life when it comes to animals! She has stood beside me and made me laugh through thick and thin! She has saved my life when someone tried to break into my house. She has drowned not only me but all of my friends in kisses. I have had countless people tell me that she has singlehandedly changed their viewpoints on Pit Bulls. With her friendly smile, wagging tail and warm eyes, who could not fall in love with her? Lily loves to show off her belly and will never be the one to turn down a good belly rub. She is eager to please which has made her easily trainable. Cesar Millan's books have helped us to enrich both of our lives and become a healthy "pack." It is sad to me that so many people have such a poor understanding of this amazing breed. I had two elderly ladies petting Lily and going on about how adorable she was. When they asked what kind of dog she was, they immediately backed away, faces priming, as they muttered under their breath. These people will never have the opportunity to understand loyalty at its fullest and a heart that seemingly beats only for you."



Lily the Pit Bull Terrier



"These are our babies. They are so loving and just love to be loved. This picture was taken when we went camping. They love being outside, and just love the water, well Caine does. Georgia just acts like she wants to get wet. They are both very good with kids, and they love little dogs too. We got Caine when he was 9 months, he is 5 years old in this picture, and we got Georgia when she was about 8 weeks old and she's 3 in this picture. We couldn't wait for her to get here. Caine didn't know if just his baby girl was on her way. We also have another Pit and he is their son. He's about 1 year old and he's a big of baby. His name is Duke. We even had a little *Chihuahua* named Toby and he thinks he's a big dog, too. We love all of our babies."



Georgia, Duke and Caine, blue-nose Pitbull Terriers



"This is Pip Felipe R, (aka money and daddy's baby boy) at 4 years old. He is the first dog I have owned and the only breed my fiancé and I will ever own. He is sweet, funny and affectionate. He attended puppy school and has always had plenty of puppy dates. He loves other dogs, and his first instinct with people is to show his pink belly! After watching Cesar Millan's show (marathon weekend viewing) and reading his books, we have learned so much about Pip and about our behavior; it has helped us walk him properly. I have become more of a calm, assertive mom and Pip has responded by listening to me. Everyone in our neighborhood loves him. He is always trying to get away with something though (counter-surfing, sock stealing, laundry rolling, etc.) so your best bet is to take him on walks, play ball with him, take him exploring (thus his Indiana Jones get-up in the pic) and give him as many belly rubs as you can. We are blessed to have him and have learned so much about this lovable and misunderstood breed."



King the blue nose Pitbull Terrier puppy at 8 weeks old



King the blue nose Pitbull Terrier puppy at 6 weeks old



*"Hi, I run a very successful Pit Bull rescue in Bluffton, SC called RecycleBulls. I would love for people to see what beautiful dogs are available for rescue rather than buying from a breeder. Most of my dogs come from death row at animal control. I have been doing this for 6 years and have placed over 500 spayed/neutered bullies into family homes."—Photo courtesy of RecycleBulls located in Bluffton, SC*



"Dice, a 3-year-old Pit Bull rescue—he's not only handsome, but a great ambassador of the breed."—  
Photo courtesy of RecycleBulls located in Bluffton, SC



"Bambi and Nala, Pit Bull rescues, playing their favorite game of tug and run."—photo courtesy of  
RecycleBulls located in Bluffton, SC



"Lucy Lou, a *Pomeranian* adoring her big daddy Dixie, a *Pit Bull rescue* at 3 years old"—photo courtesy of RecycleBulls located in Bluffton, SC



"Lucy Lou, a *Pomeranian* cuddling with Deuce, her 4-year-old *Pit Bull* who was *rescued* the day before his *euthanasia date*."—photo courtesy of RecycleBulls located in Bluffton, SC



Buster the American Pitbull Terrier at 3 years old—"This is Buster. He is the most amazing dog I have ever been lucky enough to share my life with. I had just lost my 2 dogs, one 18 and the other 13. I was crushed and thought I'd never put my heart out there to be crushed again but when I came upon this fat shy puppy I fell in love. He was so easy to train. Yes he had a lot of energy but other than that he was perfect! Now that's his 3 he has become my savior. He wants nothing more than to please us and make us laugh. He loves everyone. Adults, children and all other animals. The picture is his and Rocky, a squirrel I rescued when he was about a week old. Buster was just amazed with him and they became buddies. All these people that have been told that Pit bulls are dangerous animals should really do their research before judging. Buster has changed so many peoples opinions. Even his vet says he's her favorite. He loves to give hugs and he understands the largest vocabulary I've ever seen in a dog. There is no other breed like a Pit bull. I just hope that we who love our dogs will continue to fight for them. The only voice they have is ours."



*Buster the American Pitbull Terrier at 3 years old—"Every holiday he poses with a corresponding hat or outfit. He loves posing for the camera and as you can see, he loves to make a silly face."*



**Pacino the Pitbull**



*Junior the 3-year-old Pit Bull Terrier loving the baby. Junior—"I picked Junior out when he was 3 days old"*

*He has been many miles with me. I also have 2 young children and he is absolutely wonderful.\**



*Junior the 3-year-old Pit Bull Terrier with a baby deer*



*Jager the red-nose American Pitbull Terrier at 10 months old—"We rescued Jager when he was 10 months old from a shelter in Sacramento, CA. We were looking for a dog for my 1-year-old daughter to grow up with so we went there looking for a small dog. After my daughter and Jager met there was an instant connection and we now had a new member in our family. Six years later he is still bringing joy to our lives. He is one of the most loving, gentle dogs ever. He also keeps me at peace due to the fact when I was in the Marines and deploying a lot I knew he could keep my wife and 2 kids safe. Jager is AKC Good Citizen certified.\*"*



*Jager the red-nose American Pitbull Terrier 6 years later*



*Jager the red-nose American Pitbull Terrier at 5 years old—APBTs have received a horrible reputation due to misleading media and a few bad dog owners, which is now why we have bans on this breed. Not only do people want to ban this breed, the Marine Corps have deemed this a dangerous breed and have banned them from all Marine bases. This is a huge problem with considering I can die for this country serving in the Marines to help protect people but I can't own a family member that can protect my own family while I am deployed. Thanks for the support to the ones that helped put these bans in place."*



*Jager the red-nose American Pitbull Terrier at 5 years old*



*Jager the red-nose American Pitbull Terrier at 5 years old*