

# Policy as Prevention?

## Informed Consent

The purpose of this form is to provide a clear explanation of the nature of this survey. The necessary procedures are described below. If, after reading this form, you have any questions or concerns, please discuss these with Vanessa Kehr, [vwheeler@live.esu.edu](mailto:vwheeler@live.esu.edu), or by phone at 724-910-1161. She can be reached any time after your participation is completed. Once you are entirely satisfied with this explanation and freely choose to participate in the study, you may indicate your willingness to participate by proceeding with the survey. You are free to end your participation in the study at any time.

Public policy making has targeted specific breeds of dogs regardless of data on dog bites and prevention measures outcomes. Public perception has been identified as playing a larger role in the policy making. In order to provide equitable treatment of all breeds of dogs and their owners, these policies need to change.

This survey will evaluate participant knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to the perception of dog breeds, dog bite history, and policy making. Participation is completely voluntary. You may opt out at any time. All written materials will be kept anonymous.

There is no risk of physical injury or harm from participation in this study. There is no penalty imposed if you decide to end your participation early. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant you may contact the East Stroudsburg University Institutional Review Board by phone (570)422-3336 or email [sdavis@po-box.esu.edu](mailto:sdavis@po-box.esu.edu).

I understand that the procedures involved in this study involve minimal risks. With this in mind and with the above description of the project, I voluntarily agree to take part in the program. I have received a copy of this consent form to keep for myself and have read and understand all of it. The Program Coordinator explained anything I did not understand to me. Therefore, I agree to participate in the study.

If you agree, please click "next".

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## Demographics

### 1. How were you directed to this survey?

- Received link in email
- Facebook
- Instagram
- The Proper Pit Bull Facebook/Website
- Other

(Other - Please specify)

### 2. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

### 3. What is your age? (ex.: 30)

### 4. Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- African American
- Native American
- Caucasian or White

Other (please specify)

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### 5. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No

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## 6. What is your highest level of education completed?

- Some high school
- High school diploma/GED
- Some college
- College degree (Associates/Bachelor)
- Some post graduate schooling
- Post graduate degree (Masters/Doctoral)

## 7. What is your household income?

- \$0-15,000
- \$15,001 – 30,000
- \$30,001 – 45,000
- \$45,001 – 60,000
- \$60,001 – 75,000
- \$75,001+

## 8. What is your state of permanent residence? (ex.: PA, NJ, NY)

## Experience

## 9. Do you currently live in a household with a dog(s)?

- Yes
- No

## 10. What is the breed(s)?

## 11. Where did you get the dog(s)? Check all that apply

- Shelter
- Rescue
- Breeder
- Pet Store
- Other

(Other - Please specify)

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### 12. Have you ever worked or volunteered in the animal care field? (Select all that apply)

- Shelter
- Rescue
- Pet Store
- Pet Supply Store
- Veterinarian Office/Animal Hospital
- Dog Training (Obedience/Service/Agility etc)
- Dog Boarding/Kennel
- I have not worked or volunteered in the animal care field
- Other

(Other - Please specify)

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**13. Have you ever interacted/spent time with an American Pit Bull Terrier?**

- Yes
- No

**14. Have you (or anyone in your family) been bitten by a dog?**

- Yes, myself
- Yes, a family member
- No

**15. Do you know the breed(s) involved in the incident?**

- No
- Yes

(If yes - please list)

**16. Was it reported?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

## Knowledge

**17. True or False: American Pit Bull Terriers have locking jaws**

- True
- False

**18. True or False: A Pit Bull is not a breed, but a generic term used to describe different breeds of dogs with similar traits and characteristics**

- True
- False

**19. Please indicate how important these factors are in relation to aggressive behavior in dogs?**

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important
Dog has been neglected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog has been abused	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intact (not spayed or neutered)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Breed of dog	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of socialization of dog	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog is kept chained outside/Isolated from rest of family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog has been specifically trained for protection purposes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**20. Do you think American Pit Bull Terriers are inherently more dangerous than any other breed of dog?**

- Yes
- No

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## 21. If you answered yes, please select reasons why (select all that apply):

- Because I heard on the media they are born inherently dangerous
- Because I heard on the media they are all bred to fight/be aggressive
- Because the media says they are associated with gangs and drug dealers
- Because I have been bitten by an American Pit Bull Terrier
- Because I have witnessed an attack by an American Pit Bull Terrier
- Because they look mean
- Other

(Other - Please specify)

## 22. Do you think American Pit Bull Terriers are associated with a specific group of people?

- Yes, a specific group of people
- No, associated with a wide variety of people

## Media

## 23. Have you ever viewed or read an article in the media about American Pit Bull Terriers?

- Yes
- No

## 24. If you answered yes, was/were the media report(s) mostly negative or positive in nature?

- Mostly positive
- Mostly negative
- I don't remember

## 25. How do you rate what the media says about Pit Bulls?

- I believe the media is accurate
- I believe the media is somewhat accurate
- I believe the media is completely inaccurate

## Breed Specific Legislation

## 26. Have you ever heard of Breed Specific Legislation (BSL)?

- Yes
- No

## 27. Should responsible dog owners lose the right to own certain breeds of dogs because of the actions of others?

- Yes
- No

## 28. Are you aware of the stipulations regarding dangerous dog laws in your state?

Completely unaware

Aware but still not quite certain

Know/understand all of the regulations

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**29. Do you think dog owners should have their ownership rights curtailed for repeated violations of dangerous dog laws (such as repeated bites/dog at large)?**

- Yes  
 No

**30. Do you think certain breeds of dogs should be banned in order to prevent dog bites?**

- Yes  
 No

**31. Do you think dog bites are a public health concern?**

- Yes  
 No

**32. Please indicate which of these options you think would best prevent dog bite incidents? (Select all that apply)**

- Restricting/banning ownership of the American Pit Bull Terrier and Pit Bull-type dogs
- Mandatory spay/neuter of all breeds
- Educating children on proper interactions with dogs
- Never leaving children unattended with dogs of any breed
- Proper daily management of dogs (i.e: socialization, exercise, affection etc.)
- Consistent enforcement of breed neutral dangerous dog laws
- Increase in knowledge/availability of resources (low cost spay/neuter/vaccine clinics, positive training methods)

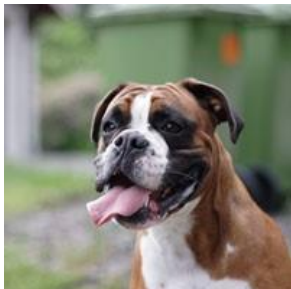
### Pick the Pit

**One or more of these dogs is an American Pit Bull Terrier.**

**Please indicate below which picture(s) is of an American Pit Bull Terrier.**

**(all photo credits StubbyDog.org)**

**Photo 1**



**Photo 2**



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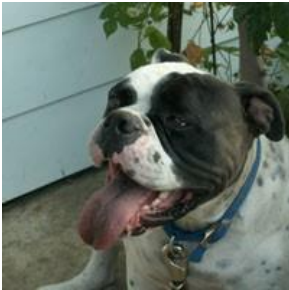
**Photo 3**



**Photo 4**



**Photo 5**



**Photo 6**



**33. Please indicate which one(s) you think is/are an American Pit Bull Terrier**

- Photo 1
- Photo 2
- Photo 3
- Photo 4
- Photo 5
- Photo 6
- None of the above

Survey Complete.

**Thank you for participating!**



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