

## **The TRUTH about the Pit Bull Terrier**

The American Pit Bull Terrier is a mid-sized breed of dog in the terrier group. They are known for their intelligence, strength, loyalty and friendliness. They make wonderful family dogs and pets for the children always wanting to take care of them.

They are a strong solidly built muscular dog with a short and stiff single layer of hair that can be almost any color. The coat is short, single layered, and stiff but glossy.

There has been negative publicity about them in recent years, not due to the actual behavior of the American Pit Bull Terrier, but do to misbreeding of different types of "pit bull like" terriers with the intent of making tough guard dogs. Because of the similarity in looks of some of these "pit bull" terriers, the pit bulls, in general have unfairly been labeled as mean, untrustworthy and actually restricted and banned in some parts of the world. Many of these instances stemmed from bad owners that mistreated and almost starved the dogs to make them mean rather than from the dog itself.

Owners of the American Pit Bull Terrier dispute these allegations against the dog and claim they are wonderfully, intelligent, loving dogs that with proper discipline and obedience training make wonderful family pets for all ages.

### **Temperament**

The temperament of the American Pit Bull Terrier can be described in many ways with the most consistent terms being friendly and goofy. They are known for their great intelligence, sound nerve and character and make a great family dog and pet. They are friendly towards everyone they see whether it's family, friends or strangers. The American Pit Bull Terrier makes a great dog for children, rough housing with them yet protecting them from harm if need be.

They are known for their high prey drive, so they do consider birds, rabbits or other small animals as fair game. This is bred in their genetics, but basic obedience training started at a very young age will help curtail the problem.

In recent years, many individuals have breed and cross bred this dog with other bull terriers with the intent of making a guard or attack dog. The media then sensationalized it labeling the "pit bull" as a mean dog, thus giving any kind of pit bull terrier a bad name to the public. In reality, the American Pit Bull Terrier is not any meaner or more of a threat than the German shepherd, collie or any other dog. In fact, because of their friendly nature with people, many owners claim they make poor guard dogs with the property whether the owners are home or not.

Their personality is very friendly, happy and almost goofy as they roll around on the floor playing with their master and family members. Pit bulls are very slow to mature in temperament, some not fully developing until anywhere from 2 to 4 years of age. Even as a young dog, they are curious, loving, active and playful and love playing with children. It is recommended that children not be left alone with them, but more because the pit bull doesn't know his own strength and may accidentally knock the child down. The American Pit Bull Terrier has a high tolerance for pain and often doesn't feel it when children hit them or pull their tail, which may contribute to them being such patient dogs with children.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON:



#3248 Lacey-Tortoiseshell (Sponsored)

'Hi. I'm Lacey and I'm a momma kitty who came to the shelter with my five babies. I crawled up under somebody's porch on Poplar Drive and had them there. They're not weaned quite yet, but as soon as they are, we'll all six be going up for adoption. Hopefully the Humane Society will be able to find homes for all of us.' Thank you to Debbie Ritter who has sponsored a portion of my fee I can go home at a reduced rate.

#268 Daisy-Shepherd Mix (Sponsored)

'Hi. My name is Daisy and I'm a shepherd mix girl of some sort who was picked up down on Lock Road. I don't remember if I wandered there, or if I was dropped there, but I had to come to the shelter. Its scary here and I'm just a good dog in need of a good home, so I hope somebody will come adopt me soon and get me out of here.' [Thank you to an anonymous donor who sponsored a portion of Daisy's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!](#)



#97 Clay-Domestic Short Hair-gray (Sponsored)

'Hello. My name is Clay and I was a stray kitty from down in Stringtown before I came to the animal shelter. I know I look kinda bad right now. I must have gotten beat up a little along the way. I'm kinda scared, but I know I'll come out of my shell soon and be ready to have visitors. I hope you'll make a quick trip out to see me cause I really think you'd like me.' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Clay's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!](#)

#233 Zena-Shepherd Mix (Sponsored)

'Hi. I'm Zena and this is my brother Bruce. Our owner had to turn us in here because he couldn't keep us anymore. But that's good for you because you don't have to wait the stray hold...you can adopt us right away! We're both housebroken, good with kids, and know all of our basic commands. That's what our owner said anyway! Would you like to adopt one of us?' [Thank you to an anonymous donor who sponsored a portion of Zena's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!](#)



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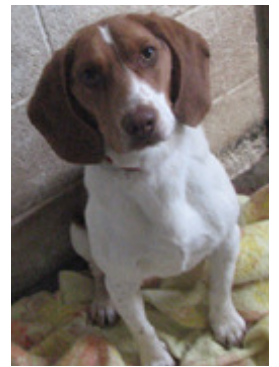


#273 Zoey-Domestic Short Hair (Sponsored)

'Hi there. My name is Zoey and I'm one of the many, many kitties at the shelter who are up for adoption. I had hoped my owner would come get me, but they never showed up. I'm a great kitty...I'm less than a year old.' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Zoey's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!](#)

#231 Max-Beagle (Sponsored)

'Hi. My name is Max and I'm a cute little beagle boy who came to the shelter a few days ago from down on Puckett Road. I was just wandering around, but the people there didn't know me, so they thought it would be best for me to come to the shelter so I'd be safer. I'm only about two years old and I'm looking forward to going home soon.' [Thank you to an anonymous donor who sponsored a portion of Max's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!](#)



#202 Princess-Domestic Short Hair-black (Declawed and Sponsored)

'Hello. My name is Princess and I'm big, black, and beautiful! I'm not your everyday housecat, by any means. I'm a big girl and I just know if you'd come meet me that you'd love every little ounce of me! I'm declawed and housebroken too, so that's always a plus. Won't you come see me and visit for a while?' [Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Princess's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!](#)

#280 Flynn-Labrador Retriever, Beagle Mix (Sponsored)

'Hi. I'm Flynn, or at least that's my new name here at the shelter. I came here from down on Long Road. I had been there for a couple of days and they people living there didn't want me to get in the road and get hit, so I had to come here to stay. This place is scary and I just want to go home. Somebody please come and adopt me!' [Thank you to Kathy Lizer, who sponsored a portion of Flynn's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!](#)



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## **HELP NEEDED FOR ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC**

### **MAY 8TH AND 9TH**

**Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 at Glensboro Fire Department,  
and Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Health  
Department. We will need lots of  
volunteers to fill out paperwork-NO  
EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Please  
contact the Adoption Center if you  
can help for an hour or two either  
day. We need as many volunteers as  
we can get, so bring a friend to help  
too! Contact us to sign up. 839-8339 or  
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the only requirement to volunteer is  
legible handwriting!!! ANYBODY CAN  
DO THIS!!! Make a difference...get involved!**



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### **Pit Bulls Kick Butt on The American Temperament Test Society's Tests!!!**

It is reported on temperament tests conducted by the American Temperament Test Society the American Pit Bull Terrier has a current passing rate of 83.9% compared to an average of only 77% of the general dog population. This score is much better than some of the scores received by some commonly known "friendly" dog breeds.

Australian Shepherd-overall score 81%, Beagle-overall score 81%, Chihuahua-overall score 71.1%, Cocker Spaniel-overall score 81.9%, Corgi-overall score 76.2%, Dachshund-overall score 70.2%, Lhasa Apso-overall score 69.2%, Pomeranian-overall score 75%, Shih Tzu-overall score 77.5%, Toy Poodle-overall score 82.4%, Yorkshire Terrier-overall score 82.1%