

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 🐾 All 43 experts and expert groups, who testified at the public hearings, were against the “pit bull” ban. The Liberal government chose to ignore all of them
- 🐾 Reverse onus is now law. This means you are guilty until proven innocent; this is a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- 🐾 Illegal search and seizure is now law
- 🐾 Since it is difficult, if not impossible to determine a dog's breed without pedigree papers, BSL targets innocent mixed breeds and mutts and their families
- 🐾 Out of 46 dog related deaths in Canada since 1964, two were from “pit bull” type dogs.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- 🐾 Visit www.stopk9profiling.com and send your letter of support – let your MPP know you do not support BSL and want it repealed
- 🐾 Educate yourself: visit the links provided
- 🐾 Educate others: pass on the information to friends and family
- 🐾 Have an open mind: not everything you hear in the media is true
- 🐾 Participate in the rallies /events and bring your friends and family
- 🐾 Remember that you **can** make a difference!
- 🐾 Visit our web site regularly @ www.stopk9profiling.com for current updates on all our events & issues that educate and inform

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Rescue Groups

Advocates for the Underdog
www.advocatesfortheunderdog.com
Bullies in Need
www.bulliesinneed.ca
End of Your Leash
www.endofyourleash.com
Ador-A-Bull Dog Rescue
www.ador-a-bull.com



Organizations Against BSL

Algoma Dog Fanciers
American Veterinary Medical Association
Animal Aide Association Of St.Thomas-Elgin
Animal Alliance Of Canada
Animal Hospital Of Kitchener-Waterloo
Association Of Animal Shelter Administrators Of Ontario
Banned Aid Coalition
Barrie Kennel & Obedience Club
Beaver Creek Animal Hospital
Best Behaved Dog Academy
Best Friends Animal Society
Bracebridge Animal Hospital
Brantford & District Kennel & Obedience Club
Canadian Association Of Professional Pet Dog Trainers
Canadian Dog Judges Association
Canadian Federation Of Humane Societies
Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)
Cat & Jack K9 Safety
Dog Legislation Council of Canada
Dogwatch.Net
Georgina Kennel And Obedience Club
Golden Horseshoe American Pit Bull Terrier Club
Grey-Bruce Veterinary Association
Happy Dog Communications
Human-Animal Bond Association Of Canada
Humane Society Of Canada
K-9 Concepts Inc
National Capital Coalition For People & Dogs
National Companion Animal Coalition
North American Flyball Association
Ontario Medical Veterinary Association Canadian Medical Veterinary Association
Ontario Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals
Ottawa Kennel Club
Paws-Itively Obedient
Project Jessie (Animal Protection Institute)
Rescue Ink
Responsible Dog Owners of Canada
Rottweiler Club Of Canada
Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals
Staffordshire Arms, SBTCC
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Canada
The "pit bull" Co-op
The Canadian Association of Versatile Boerboels
Toronto Humane Society
United Kennel Club



Support Hershey's Bill (Bill 60)

Help End Breed Specific Legislation and Promote Responsible Dog Ownership

WHAT IS BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION (BSL)?

- 🐾 Commonly referred to as the “pit bull” ban
- 🐾 Law enacted in Ontario on August 29th, 2005 that restricts the ownership of American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and any dog that is deemed to be “substantially similar”
- 🐾 All "pit bulls" born before august 2005 must be sterilized, tagged and registered as "potentially dangerous" dogs
- 🐾 Any dog born after 2005 that is deemed to be a “pit bull” will be seized (with or without a warrant) and either destroyed or sent to a research facility for animal testing. Since then thousands of mixed breed mutts, mostly puppies, have been killed.



WHAT IS A “PIT BULL”?

The term "pit bull" is a slang term describing certain breeds of dogs with similar physical characteristics, usually a muscular dog with a short, smooth coat and a large head. There are at least 30 registered pure bred breeds that fall into this category. There is actually no such breed as a “pit bull”.

HERSHEY'S BILL

In May of 2010, NDP-MPP Cheri DiNovo introduced private member's Bill 60 to repeal the breed specific portion of the Dog Owners Liability Act (BSL). This Bill became known as Hershey's Bill (and we pray Hershey's Law) in honour of a beautiful "pit bull" named Hershey. She was used as a breeding dog in a puppy mill; kept locked in a cage 24/7, never loved or fed properly, abused and then abandoned after they were done with her. Hershey was rescued by a shelter where she was finally adopted by her angel, Jennifer Waite. Jennifer showered Hershey with love and affection and eventually Hershey became a Certified St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog. She became very attached to the seniors she would visit, as they did her. In 2005, Hershey was presented with an award from the Toronto Humane Society during *Be Kind to Animals Week*, due to her outstanding service with the seniors and her restricted breed status in Ontario. Sadly Hershey, like other "pit bulls", were no longer allowed to work as a therapy dog in Ontario and would now be considered a dangerous dog and be forced to wear a muzzle. This Bill is in memory and honour of Hershey, the "pit bull" who changed the lives of many. (Photos of Hershey compliments of Jennifer Waite)



THE TRUTH ABOUT BSL

- ❗ Does not deal with irresponsible owners
- ❗ Very loosely written law that puts many pure bred dogs as well as mixed breeds and mutts at risk
- ❗ Targets innocent dogs based on appearance only
- ❗ Dogs can be seized and destroyed without question or warrant
- ❗ A dangerous dog is not based on breed but on treatment and how it is raised
- ❗ Bite statistics have not changed since the ban was put in place
- ❗ The ban targets dogs, not owners and does not educate the public on safety for and about dogs of any breed
- ❗ Costly to taxpayers
- ❗ Does NOT work. Onus should be on responsible ownership and tougher laws for irresponsible owners



"PIT BULL" FACTS

- ❗ Commonly used as therapy, search & rescue and police dogs
- ❗ Known as the "nanny dog"
- ❗ Popular in the 1900's-mascot for North America in WWI and WWII-his name was Sgt. Stubby
- ❗ Score an 85% passing rate with the American Temperament Test Society
- ❗ "pit bulls" are not naturally aggressive towards humans
- ❗ "Petey" from the Little Rascals was an American Pit Bull Terrier
- ❗ Helen Keller's therapy dog was an American Pit Bull Terrier

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS' CREDO

- ❗ My dog is my beloved companion, not my accessory or possession
- ❗ My dog is vaccinated, spayed/neutered and receives regular veterinary care
- ❗ My dog is fed a canine diet appropriate to his size, breed, energy and activity level
- ❗ My dog has been well socialized from puppyhood to a wide variety of people, objects and situations
- ❗ My dog is trained with positive reinforcement, not punishment and is under my control
- ❗ My dog and I receive practical guidance in training from professionals to solve problems
- ❗ My dog does not run at large, and I exercise him as much as his nature requires
- ❗ My dog is never isolated by tethering or excessive kennelling
- ❗ My dog is never left unsupervised with small children or small animals
- ❗ My dog is licensed, leashed and muzzled according to Provincial and municipal requirements

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

www.stopk9profiling.com
nationalcanineresearchcouncil.com
www.pitbullproject.ca
dlcc.ca
www.pitbulllovers.com
www.dogwatch.net/fight_ontario_ban/pit_bull_facts.html
www.hugabull.com
www.austinlostpets.com/kidskorner20october/pitbull.html
www.pbrc.net
www.badrap.org/rescue/index.html
www.dogownersrights.com

