

THE HISTORY OF PIT BULL FIGHTING

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Dog fighting is a secret pastime in the United States. Sometimes you may see dogs in the shelters with marks on them and clipped ears and tails. When you see this, right away you know that someone has been using these dogs in dogfights. People think that pit bulls are their regular fight dog but if these people look deep enough they actually would see a gentle, kind dog that wouldn't hurt any animal or person. People train these dogs to be aggressive and mean and to harm other dogs. If people didn't do this to pit bulls, the dogs wouldn't naturally be like this.



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some pit bull owners who train their dogs to fight, crop the pit bulls ears and tail just like in this picture.



People think that pit bulls are going to attack, but they're not necessarily going to attack just because they see a person. They are just a regular dog if they are treated with love and raised with kindness.



The History

You may wonder how pit bull fighting began. Actually, this story goes back to ancient Romans. In that time period, the sport of “bull bating” was very popular and dogs were used in it. “Bull Bating” is a blood sport that dogs played in. They fought a larger animal, like a bull, to the death. By the 1700’s, there were 2 bull-fighting dogs called “Bulldogs.” People chose what type of dogs to breed together to create a dog that would fight better. By the time of the early 1800’s a dog breed called the American Pit Bull Terrier was born. People believed that it was a bulldog and a terrier that made the American Pit Bull Terrier that we know today. What we don’t know is who bred these dogs together.

A pit bull was made by a terrier and a bulldog.



As the years passed, Americans worshiped pit bulls and they were in commercials, t.v shows such as a kid show called the little Rascals, a pit bull starred in that show called Petey. pit bulls at this time were famous for shows and t.v. A lot of famous presidents had pit bulls: President Woodrow Wilson, and President Theodore Roosevelt.



By 1835 bull bating was banned. Some owners changed to a sport known as “Ratting”, where a number of rats were placed in a pit with a dog for a long time. This is where the “Pit” in the Pit Bull American Terrier name came from.

or since then Pit Bulls have been used as farm dogs, family dogs, military mascots, and they were mans companions. They were trusted to watch the baby’s while their parents worked, went out of the house.



Pit Bulls Today

some people think pit bulls are horrible dogs. time has changed and pit bulls are not what they were 175 years ago. Today people think of pit bulls like there Enemies. some times people get two pit bulls and train them and then just let the two pit bulls fight.

they also do it to other pit bull owners, other people that have pit bulls come over to the fighting pit at some ones house. then they get a bunch of there friends to bid for their dog and the two dogs fight until the other one dies or the do it for 15 minuets until the other dog is down.

people who do this to pit bulls and get caught will goto jail. After the goto jail the pit bulls goto a good shelter a no kill shelter, after a while the pit bulls are use to not fighting and need a good home. but this will keep going in cycles you don't know if some one who adopts a pit bull is a pit bull fighter it could keep going on and on .



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