



All about **Pit Bull**

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The Pit Bull Dog

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Pit Bulls are a strong and muscular medium-sized breed. These loyal dogs are obedient and eager to please. It is important to make an informed pet selection and equally as important to make informed decisions throughout the life of your pet. We will take you through the process of bringing home your new family member and lead you all the way to cherishing your memories of the long life you share together. We will provide you with a number of tips and helpful advice relating to all aspects of your life with your new pet. This complimentary book is packed full of all the information you will need to be a great dog parent! So take a few minutes to read over this information and prepare to embark on a fun, memory filled adventure with you new Pit Bull.

General Pit Bull Characteristics

Pit Bulls are obedient, loyal and intelligent. They get along very well with children of all ages but may have a tendency to be aggressive with other animals. However, proper socialization with other animals at an early age may prevent this. They have a typical life expectancy of approximately 12 years. Pit Bulls make great companions as they are loyal and always aim to please their masters. Much like children, Pit Bulls can be strong willed and need owners who can be firm but loving. Their coats are thick, short and shiny and come in all colors. Pits Bulls prefer warm climates and can live happily in an apartment as long as they are sufficiently exercised. They are active indoors as well as outdoors. Pits are excellent watch dogs as they are very protective of their owners and their property. These amazing dogs are also very intuitive and can sense when something is wrong. Pit Bulls can make great family pets but do require minimal training to curb the aggressive tendencies that are inherent to this breed. As with any animal, proper diet, exercise, grooming and veterinary attention will benefit you and your Pit Bull.

Average Weight	55-80 pounds	Temperament	Gentle, playful, affectionate, and loyal
Average Height	23-27 inches	Good with Children?	Yes, protective and gentle with children
Coat	Tri-colored, Long and shiny	Health Concerns	Hip Dysplasia Autoimmune Disease Metabolic Bone Disease



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Selecting Your Pit Bull Puppy – Adoption or a Breeder?

It is a matter of personal preference whether to adopt or rescue a Pit Bull. Another option would be to select your Pit Bull from a reputable breeder.

A Few Words About Adoption:

Look for a pet adoption shelter or rescue center in your community. Use your community resources, such as your library, newspaper, and any online information to understand the reputation of the shelter before you go there. Ask questions about the center from other people who may have used their services before. Find out as much as you can about the history of the pets you are considering. Know that some pets are up for adoption because they have been left behind due to divorce or families having to relocate. Not all pets in shelters or rescue centers come from abused or neglectful situations. Pet adoption or rescue is less expensive than purchasing from a dog breeder. For families who face economical challenges, this option is worth considering. By choosing pet adoption, you can have the satisfaction of providing a home for a deserving pet.

A Few Words About Breeders:

Perhaps you prefer a Pit Bull that comes from a reputable breeder in order to raise your pet as a show dog or breed your pet to further the advancement of new Pit Bulls in your community. Breeders are very knowledgeable about the breed's overall health and characteristics. You can find dog breeders by looking in the newspaper, searching on the internet, or checking with the local vet. Make sure the breeder is associated with the AKC. Dog breeders can be very particular about the person wanting to purchase the dog. They may want to know what other animals are in the home, if you have a yard for the dog to play in, or if there are any children living in the home. Make sure the breeder's facilities are clean and always ask to see the mother and father of the puppy you want to buy. The breeder should be able to provide a written health guarantee and all shot records.

Either option is viable based on your own knowledge, expectations, and personal conviction. The most important thing to remember when choosing your pet is to select the pet that is right for you. Pet ownership is a big responsibility. You are adding a member to your family so it is important to choose a pet that fits your lifestyle.

How To Choose Your New Pit Bull Pup

Choosing a dog can be a difficult decision because there are many different personalities and aesthetic qualities you may want to look for. Do you prefer to have the runt of the litter or the huskiest brute? Sometimes you can make a decision based on the adorable facial expressions a pup makes. Can you resist those sweet puppy dog eyes that pierce right through to clench hold of your heart? Pet adoptions or rescues are viable options for selecting your Pit Bull. Of course, finding a good breeder is always a good option too. Make sure you look for the following signs of a healthy dog:



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Selecting a Crate

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- Bright and clear eyes
- Clean ears that are free of parasites
- Healthy coat and skin conditions
- History and lineage are necessary as the genetics of animals are much like that of humans
- Make sure paw pads are soft and well taken care of
- Plump bellies are common in healthy puppies, but be sure they're not too plump
- Tails and facial expressions can give strong clues about the pup's personality and disposition

Before You Bring Your Pit Bull Home

It is important to puppy proof your home and be as prepared as possible to provide a safe and secure environment for your new friend. In an effort to prepare for the care of your new best friend, you should create a checklist and learn about the special needs of your pet. Make sure that your floors are free of clutter. This includes shoes and electric cords, as puppies like to chew. Use the rule "out of sight, out of mind" when introducing your puppy to his new environment.

Create a list of items that you need for your new pet. You will need the essentials to care for your pet such as a good puppy food, a brush for grooming, toys for playtime, and crates or kennels for containment. Puppy pads and treats or other training products will come in handy as well. You will also want to have a selection of toys and training items. The reward system is great for teaching your pet important lessons. Some toys double as treat holders so that when playing games with your pet they have a fun way to get to their reward. Your pup will soon discover what you want from him if you use a loving manner to convey your messages. Pit Bulls are very intelligent and eager to please their masters.

It is really important to start your pup with a good health regimen. Keep accurate health and immunization records throughout the life of your pet. This will make it much easier for you to maintain proper health standards for your animal. Be sure to introduce him early to his vet and his grooming process. These are good practices for new owners as well as the pups. Of equal importance is a healthy diet for your pet. It is a good idea to follow your breeder's or vet's guidelines for all of your pet's nutrition needs. Puppy food has different nutrients than adult or senior foods. Allergy-sensitive animals require special dietary ingredients as well. Being prepared is the most important aspect of introducing your new family member to his or her new environment. Purchase books about your pet's breed, ask questions from the breeder and your vet, read about your pet online or at your community library. Pay attention to the details for true success and your new family member will make a quick and happy adjustment to his new home.



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Your Pit Bull Through the Years

Your Pit Bull Puppy

Each stage of your pet's life is characterized by special needs. Puppies' lives are full of learning experiences.

Enjoy the time you spend with your puppy. Use chew toys, or balls to keep your puppy active and know that you can use these toys not only to play but also to train your pet. Puppies learn quickly and can develop bad habits if they are not properly stimulated. Conversely, they can learn good habits if trained lovingly and early on. This is the stage where it is very important to socialize your Pit Bull puppy with other dogs and animals. This will possibly help prevent the aggressive tendencies that Pit Bulls can have towards other animals, especially other dogs.

Healthy habits are established at this stage of life as well. Vaccinations, dietary standards, and proper grooming regimens are very important for puppies. Your Pit Bull should have his own clean bowls for food and water. Sometimes it is helpful to place the bowls on a non-slip surface. There are many decorative bowls and placemats available to make your pets feeding time special for him. Take extra time to get your pup used to regular grooming. Pit Bull's short hair is very low maintenance. You should brush them regularly with a firm bristle brush and rubbing them with a towel or chamois cloth will make their coats shine. Shampoos, nail clippers, brushes, and toothbrushes are also good things to have on hand. When you introduce a new grooming device to your puppy it is important to remember to let the pup become acquainted with the item before using it. Remember to put the item away when you are no longer using it or the pup might mistake it for a toy.

Your Pit Bull Adult

As your dog begins to age, his needs begin to change. Keep surprises to a minimum by, yep you guessed it, being prepared. Keep your dog active and healthy. Change his toys often to keep his interest. Sometimes adult dogs develop allergies. It is not uncommon for Pit Bulls to develop a grass allergy. If you notice changes in the skin or fur, you may need to change his diet. If your pet develops allergies, you will see changes in his coat, skin, eyes or ears. If you suspect your dog has allergies, the best thing to do is take your dog to the vet. There are excellent remedies that can become an important part of your dog's routine.

As your dog ages, his nails, paw pads, coat, skin, eyes and ears need special attention. Make grooming a happy time for your dog. You should keep the coat clean and free of dander, fleas, and tangled or matted hair. Also keep nails trimmed, check the pads on their paws frequently for spurs, and keep teeth tartar under control. Keep up with all of your adult pet's needs by frequently checking supplies and making sure that you have the most efficient tools handy to keep your dog in good health.



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Your Pit Bull Senior

When your pet climbs the hill into his senior years, his needs will change again. Dietary changes are the most prevalent at this life stage. As your dog ages, so does his digestive system. Make sure your Senior Pit Bull maintains a proper diet and receives proper nutrients by starting him on daily vitamin supplements. Keep abreast of the latest trends in dental products. There are many tartar control products on the market today. There are bones, toys, and toothbrushes essential to an older dog's health and happiness. If your dog moves slower than usual or limps, it could be a sign of a joint problem.

You may want to provide a more appropriate sleeping and lounging area for your pet, or an orthopedic dog bed. It is especially important as your Pit Bull ages to continue on a regular exercise regime. Just remember that dogs age in some of the same way that humans do. You can help them manage aches and pains with the proper pet healthcare aids, knowledge, and care.

Senior pets have many changes in disposition and could easily be stressed by active young children. They may show signs of irritability when eating or when encouraged to do something they would rather not do. It is important to know that senior animals tend to do things their own way and in their own time. Care for your senior in a loving, gentle manner mixed with a little patience and understanding.

You are about to embark on a wonderful journey with your new Pit Bull. Enjoy the special moments with your pet and keep them close to your heart. Display pictures of your dog around your home or office. Develop family traditions that include your pet. Some great ways to include your Pit Bull in the family can include, celebrating your dog's birthday, on special holidays buy your family members presents from the dog and vice versa, and tell everybody you see all the cute things your Pit Bull does.

Pit Bull Medical Considerations

Pit Bulls tend to be an overall healthy breed but some things that tend to affect them are:

- Hip dysplasia - keep an eye out for any changes in their gait.
- Hereditary cataracts – regular visits to the vet will help to detect these at an early stage. Since these are hereditary, it is important to know the medical history of your dog's parents. Ask your breeder!
- Congenital heart disease – again, something that your vet will be able to detect with regular visits
- Grass allergies – look for changes in his coat, skin, eyes or ears



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