Are Pitbulls dangerous dogs?

This particular essay serves the purpose of reaching out to all those people who believe that pit bulls are dangerous and hence, do not adopt them or pet them even when they find the dogs adorable. Furthermore, the purpose is to destroy some myths and rumors about the dogs that have been spread by the media so exorbitantly. My persuasive appeal in penning down this essay would be logos because I would like to put forth my argument with proper fact and data to make it more reasonable.

Therefore, first of all, I would like to put some rumors to rest which make this breed of dog seem dangerous.

Pit bulls do not possess the strongest jaws as compared to other breeds. Moreover, even the jaw of an average domestic dog has a pressure of 320 psi whereas pit bull has only a jaw pressure of 235 psi. Pit bulls lack locking jaws. The jaws are lacking in any sort of locking mechanism and hence, the function is similar to every other dog.

Now, the second myth is that the attacks by pit bulls are much frequent as compared to other breeds. My responses are as follows:

Pit bulls are one of the most popular breeds, and there might be frequent attacks by pit bulls because they have trained for the same thing. Pit bulls are adopted or bought by people because they want a tough dog which can be violent in times of need and thus, the dogs are trained in that manner. Nonetheless, this feature is not inherent in them. If pit bulls got banned, the dog trainers would train a Rottweiler or a German Shepherd for the same thing. Therefore, there would be no progress related to safety. We need to see that being dangerous is not an inherent characteristic of pit bulls rather they have been implied to be dangerous by their trainers.

Therefore, as we can see, even though pit bulls are dangerous, they are not innately so. They are rather dangerous because they have been trained to be so. Hence, instead of playing the blame games on the innocent pit bulls, we should start blaming the owner.

**Three sources credibility** – The CRAAP Test.

**Source 1**

"Dangerous Dogs and The Law". *Veterinary Record* 166.12 (2010): 344-344. Web.

Link: <http://veterinaryrecord.bmj.com/content/166/12/344.full>

1. Currency

The source is current as it was published in the year 2010. The area topic of “dangerous dogs and the law” does not change rapidly, especially due to records proving that the dog is still very dangerous.

2. Relevance

The source is relevant as it seeks to answer the topic question, Are Pit bulls dangerous dogs? Additionally, it provides ample knowledge on the law and legislation of the dangerous species dogs.

3. Authority

The article is valid as it gives brief information about the law, about the pitbulls dog breed.

4. Accuracy

The information provided is accurate due to the increased positive reviews by readers.

5. Purpose

No relevant facts are omitted by the author in the text.

Discussion

The source is useful in that information provided on the “dangerous dogs, and the Law” is necessary for determining the topic study on whether Pitbulls are dangerous dogs.

**Source 2**

"Dangerous Dogs: Charity Calls for A Fresh Approach". *Veterinary Record* 179.5 (2016): 107.2-108. Web.

Link: <http://veterinaryrecord.bmj.com/content/179/5/107.2.extract>

1. Currency

The information provided by the article is up to date, considering that it was published in the year 2016.

2. Relevance

The article is relevant to this topic as it gives brief information about the increased charity calls to eliminate the dangerous dog species in the world, including pit bulls.

3. Authority

The article explains what the law states about the authority on endangered dog species.

4. Accuracy

There are minimal errors in the text, hence proving the perfect editorial expertise on grammar, punctuation, and spelling during publication.

5. Purpose

The text is unprejudiced as the author provides relevant facts based on the veterinary records.

Discussion

Accurate data provided by the source through analyzing the veterinary records will be useful in making right judgment on pitbull dogs.

**Source 3**

McCarthy, D. "Dangerous Dogs, Dangerous Owners and The Waste Management of an 'Irredeemable Species". *Sociology* 50.3 (2015): 560-575. Web.

Link: <http://soc.sagepub.com/content/50/3/560.abstract>

1. Currency

The article is current as it was published in the year 2015. The author has not published other recent articles concerning pitbull dogs as the irredeemable and dangerous species.

2. Relevance

The article is relevant as the author; McCarthy uses simple terms to explain on various dog species

3. Authority

McCarthy is a renowned professor who specializes in Sociology, hence proving the relevance of the source.

4. Accuracy

The article is accurate as all information provided is true.

5. Purpose

McCathy explains the dangerous effects of the pitbull dogs using strong and emotional language.

Discussion

Her argument is essential in making conclusions that the pitbull dogs are very dangerous species to the society.