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***Culling.***

**Good read thank you gentlemen.**

Summary of what standards / reasons you may have for removing dogs from your family of dogs?



**[Richard Garcia](#) to [SCHOOLBOY LIVES II](#)**

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To be clear - culling isn't only putting dogs down but refers to excluding an individual from a breeding or other program.

It's tough to cull the ones who loves you.

**Lack of gameness was mentioned as the main reason why we cull dogs.**

Gameness is the foundation of the breed and is the main reason why dogs were culled in the past - more so than any other reason.

Cur - dog quitting – the motto - keep scratching cull hard - keep the best cull the rest.

**But other than the obvious what are some other reasons?**

**\* Simply you do not like the dog.**

There are the things that I expected from my dogs and other than the obvious ... I also bred for speed and strength and finish.

I've also sold and given dogs away that I removed (culled) from my breeding program.

They weren't bad dogs and they won and produced for others, **just not to my liking. – Well that is an individual choice – respect.**

**\* Dog that bite and show human aggressiveness.**

Easy to cull the ones who bites you or show aggression towards you or your family.

It's a lot of investment in a breeding and in raising a dog - but culling a biter became a tool.

You need to feel confident in what you're trying to achieve.

This is one of the reasons ... because it seems people are reluctant to cull when needed now days.

**But culling is absolutely necessary when breeding any animals.**

Then also true you don't have to put the dog down **just don't breed it** – placing such a dog as a single family dog is an option.

There could be many reasons not to breed a dog or not to use it for various activities.



## Joey Hovaldt

For me ... I kept the ones that started fast, stayed in hold, didn't turn, and screamed in the corner, good bone structure, thick skin, hard muscle, good strong teeth.

As far as those desired traits, fast, barnstormer comes to mind, with wind, endurance, and a knack for frustrating the other runner, those would be ideal, one that can't adjust on its feet should be excluded in a breeding program.

Human aggression.

Bark & growl at you - when this type pup was a pup & seemed normal – within the & when the pup was separated did a 180 turnover.

Dog growling at children or the baby.

Man haters.

Hard keepers.

Temperament / abilities ... or lack thereof.

Lack of APBT drives.

Most importantly they have to have extreme interest in the task at hand, no matter what it is

Zero ability.

Dumb.

One-dimensional.

Health issues with no way out.

Any structural deformities that would affect overall performance.

Anything that doesn't fit the standard.

Physical genetic defects.

They have to sound structure.

They have to conform to conformation as they grow older.

Hereditary health issues.  
Chain fighting.  
Fence fighting.  
Destructive ... anything biting.  
Chewing themselves  
Tail chasers.  
Too shy – extreme overly shy - wicked shyness.  
Prolapse.  
Blind dog.

### **Too shy - overly shy - wicked shyness.**

When meeting a new person, hunkering down, wagging their tail low, and even rolling over - I don't like but will keep if the dog is otherwise good.

Not beyond that unless I know the dog has a history (abusive previous owner, etc.).

Not hiding in the house refusing to come out around strangers  
not giving funny looks like the dog may bite if touched, and definitely not if the dog does any of that with family.

Not even the cowering with family.

Submissive friendly is as much as you are willing to put up with. Then again ... that one pup ...

That pup would run away in the pen and ball up in the corner and urinate on herself tail tucked.

Even if you took a lawn chair and sat in the pup's kennel for hours a day and she would just stay in her dog house and not come out until you left.

Tried feeding this pup out of my your hand - soft talking not standing over the pup and also using your older male to show the pup- even if I wasn't a threat - nothing worked.

### **Richard Garcia Shy.**

Bad nerves..

Defensive to certain sounds or movements.

Not when it comes to other dogs though.

Example - Brodt's Ch Dawson. In my case - Dawson was just scared.

He was afraid of his own shadow. Would run and hit the end of his chain when you walked up to him.

Only work I could get him to do was flirt pole on his chain **but face him off and he was all bulldog – this also happen**

Brodt's Dawson won and the then was sent back to Don, as I didn't want to keep him.

He won two more with Don.

If he was mine I wouldn't have culled him not would I have bred him **but I would have given him away or sold him cheap.**

### **No reason for culling.**

Jumping up and nipping dogs.

You can work out a technique and teach you household family workers and kids ... for the nippy, jumpy type s

Know Pavlov's the dog theory.

It's a simple theory that can be implemented in different ways.

It's mental conditioning or subliminal or cause and effect.

A useful tool - however you want to describe it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhqumfpxul>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6AYofQchoM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-BSsy0U95o>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8UUXk2\\_Wdo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8UUXk2_Wdo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WmO1DoDYOY>



[Richard Garcia](#)

A dog in keep.

At peak a dog is keyed up waiting to release all that pent up energy and for the most part I was the only one that had anything to do with them while they were in keep.

I bred a litter and sold a pair to another kennel.

Both were good dogs but one got stolen, so the other one was made available to me later on.

They raised him and schooled him and brought him back to me grown, to hook him up.

On show day his owner arrived and as we were leaving to the site his owner went to pet him and his dog bit him.

I was the only one who could handle him at that point.



[Karen Lawrence Pearce.](#)

We have limited **for space**, and limited people we want owning our dogs. Some of our dogs could make a good pet, many aren't.

I'd rather cull than have one end up in some shelter somewhere, or in the wrong hands.



[Richard Garcia](#)

Limited space. Agreed and it is something I wish more people would take into consideration.



[Joey Hovaldt](#)

I completely agree, I'd rather cull it - than home it to someone that will have a liability on their hands as a result of their laziness or lack of being prepared.

I think about this a lot, when I whelp my first litter, "what will I do".  
Great perspective.



[Richard Garcia](#)*Richard*

If you have the room keep them all. If not, then weigh your options and act accordingly.



[Robby E Coles](#)

Man biters. I will put one down no matter how good the dog is. These dogs are powerful animals and in the wrong hands there like TNT. So many people think our breed is already the most evil of all dog breeds so I don't want them out in the world with the wrong people. Plus I have kids and kid coming over all the time. Can't take a chance on one attacking a kid or woman.



[Richard Garcia](#)*Richard*

"Same here". I learned a lot about dogs from handling man biters but at one point I realized they are not worth the trouble, as I had children as well and I did not tolerate them.

Also, you can have good dogs without having to put up with that behavior.



[Robby E Coles](#)

All the years I spent on Ed F yard that was one of the things he taught me and stood strong on was man biters.

And like u s I had kids I realized these animals can't do serious damage with the wrong person.



[Richard Garcia](#)

Agreed [Robby E Coles](#). They can and have done serious damage, even

fatalities. Not just our breed but other breeds as well but if one of ours goes south the damage is exponential.



[Robby E Coles.](#)

This is true and our breed is already looked down on and frowned on. So to protect our breed and the public it's the only right thing to do for everyone.



[Shane Dubie Bonvillion](#)

Temperament



[Chris Brooking](#)

Gameness trait in individual dogs have a higher percentage of producing offspring with all the traits of a complete combat dog. They also carry the genetics for longevity over a multiple generations without levels of quality diminishing etc..



[Gianpaolo Ciferri](#)

Irreversible health problems, potential illness transmitters and quitters



[Gerkendall Joyner](#)

Genetic defects, human aggression, I don't care for a skittish dog so if I had one it would have to be exceptional



[Terrence Hoskins](#)

Physical and mental characteristics,  
Temperament,  
Attitude,  
Skittish traits,  
Human aggressive (only interest),



Style,  
Ability,  
Athleticism.



[Aubrey Harris Jr.](#)

Skittishness and shyness. I don't really mind that as long as they aren't dog shy



[Linwood Thomas](#)

Culling should begin **with at 2 weeks old.**

[Aubrey Harris Jr.](#)

What could you be culling for at that age.



[Linwood Thomas](#)

Anything that's of a nature that I don't want in my dogs, from color to undershot – those Mother Nature would have culled.



[Linwood Thomas](#)

I don't sell, so I'm culling.



[Tevin McCluney](#)

Show breeders do it all the time. If a pup is born with a color deformity it will be culled at shortly after birth.



[Joey Hovaldt](#)

I have to be honest, this is good insight, I haven't thought about culling so early, if I may ask, have you ever had regret for starting the cull so early?



[Randy White](#)

Deformities

Human aggression



[Mike Ulloa](#)

Self mutilating. When he got excited he attack himself and destroyed both back legs and feet and his tail - missing his tail and the toes on one foot. As I was trying to heal him up he went at it again while he was all busted up.

It happens more frequented with tighter bred dogs on high protein Way too inbred and had genetic problems.

Not physically sound - and would throw up his food then eat it over and over again in one feeding.

[David De Regt](#) [Mike Ulloa](#)

Self mutilating - Some high strong dogs being on the chain and or in kennels - not being worked - being fed to much protein start chewing on themselves.

It's like being a diabetic when your sugar level is to high you get pain in your system joints hurt - muscle hurts etcetera - etcetera.

The high protein makes them more dog aggressive as well as losing weight...not necessary in that order ore altogether.



[Richard Garcia](#)

With an inherited trait like this - I would guess it comes from the Jeep side - the behavior can limited by not breeding the individuals that possess it or by outcrossing.

Then I feed a different diet and they need more exercise



[Richard Garcia](#)

I gave all of my dogs regular exercise and did a couple of other things to offset the behavior,

one of them being if I had a chain fighter I would kennel them and that stopped them in most cases.



[Richard Garcia](#)

With genetic negative behavior I didn't like – best be bred it out of them as much as possible - although it will always pop up on occasion. Generally speaking outcrossing can fix genetic, physical and behavioral problems. With Eli blood - what some may consider **problems** are considered **valuable traits** to others **such as** short, squatty bow legged types or hound dog ears or serious attitudes not concerned with affection from humans?

As [S M Tijuana Mex](#) mentioned in another posts dogs with those "defects" are the ones that produce performance athletes.



[Ed Carvajal](#)

Tail chasers. Also some become self-destructive when I tended the others.



[Courtnee Edwards](#)

I won't breed a dog anymore if she eats or kills her puppies.

Some was bad as bitches the type you would not want to get off the chain.

One was a pet she had a litter of pups and started eating them after they was born one by one.

One bitch dug a hole in the ground and shoved all 12 pups in.

[Mike Ulloa](#)

Toss them in the air and push them around with her nose. She was a bad bitch and very good with people.

She was ok with the pups till they hit about 2.5 weeks old. Then we would have to take them away so they could survive.



### [Zebeaux Deno](#)

Realize this can happen in first time moms quite frequently and might never do it again.

Richard Garcia



Miss Rowdy didn't do so well with her first litter. My wife showed her how to be a mother and after that she took very good care of her subsequent offspring.

### [Richard GarciaRichard](#)

Hand raise pups might help and if they will eat goat's milk or liquefied food at three weeks you can separate them then or you may have to bottle feed them from birth.

You can try organic goat's milk. If you're feeding the pups with a tube you have to make sure the tube goes into the belly. If not the fluid will get in their lungs and come out their nose.

Sometimes extra care is needed for a weak pup. Extra feedings and be sure they are kept extra warm



### [Stayros Kotsoridis](#)

I breed my stock outcrossed with a man biters - now we have a 1 years old male we handle that have destroyed 2 "" good dogs Many great dogs was man biters



When breeding dogs we should strive to produce sound individuals. Try and keep all the quirks and funky behavior out of it.



### [Courtnee Edwards](#)

Weak pasterns or rickets - Rickets are curable but no weak pasterns it's a physical and genetic fault.



### [Dereck Jensen](#)

This is a great topic... The standards I set are these...

gameness - courage – ability –mouth -natural desire to end a dog not just fight it...



[Brian Crum](#)

Genetic skin disorders  
Cain and fence fighters



[Bruce Clark](#)

Oh I won't cull a chain chewer or a dog that destroys shit, coz usually the have a high degree of Hybrid Vigor!! So if they go across, I like the crazy fuckers!!



[Richard Garcia](#)

Aggressive dogs are tolerated by some and not by others, for a variety of reasons.



[Richard Garcia](#)

Dogs handled that's so intense... Fighting to get across - I didn't cull them for that and in fact I learned to handle dogs like that without getting bit.

They fought in my arms to get loose, scream, holler, fuss, push, pull, everything you could imagine **but they did not try and bite me.**



[Robby E Coles](#)

I had a big alligator bred male that would try to tag u. Not that he tried to hurt u but hoping if he snapped you'd let him go. The first time it worked I dropped his big ass on the ground .

After that I learned to watch him



[Richard Garcia](#)

Yep. Some Eli, Bolio, Alligator dogs are known for that. You have to learn to anticipate them, react accordingly and also be able to

physically restrain them.

They get worked up and honestly all they want is to be let go.