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American Kennel Club & the APBT.

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Why are some common dog breeds not recognized by the American Kennel Club?

The American Bulldog, the Catahoula Leopard Dog, and the American Pit Bull Terrier come to mind.

The American Pit Bull Terrier **is being registered by the UKC since 1898 and the ADBA since 1908.**

In 1936 "some" breeders broke away from these two registries and walk over to the AKC, and so the changed the breed standard in an attempt to more closely define beauty and conformation standards.

For example >> they defined weight categories for males and females and specified that no more than 20% white is allowed as a colour on the dog.

Also, to distinguish themselves as a new group they changed the name of the APBT breed to be called an American Staffordshire.

Now how did the name APBT come about, just out of interest?

At first, the breed was called the "Bull and Terrier" in England signifying that a new breed has been created by crossbreeding.

When the English and Irish settlers went to America they took their dogs with them, and overtime became Americans ... now identifying themselves as Americans, as they would not return to their original homelands.

At that time they were still continuing to fight their dogs just like they did in England.

They fought their dogs in a pit as the main activity and these people did not show their dogs in beauty competitions – did not show for conformation or abilities only for their natural inbred fighting ability to prove gameness.

Thus this group of fanciers decided to change the name to include the words "American" and "pit", and thus the breed became known as **American Pit Bull Terrier, or for short APBT.**

Those dogs that stayed behind in England, the Bull and Terriers, became known as Staffordshire Terriers and were registered as such in 1920, and since then the breed standard has been changed 3 times - all for cosmetic reasons.

And the result is that the breed has become a midget, heads have become broader, they are now shorter on the leg and more squat, have birth problems and most lost the stamina that they once possessed.

Thanks to the whims and fancy of show people who concentrate more on cosmetic beauty than working ability and athletic ability - they have done a grand job to destroy the breed.

However there are still a few good ones left in Ireland, and they are not been shown by their owners.

Note! Badger trials have been outlawed that was once the testing ground for the Staffordshire Terriers in the UK.

Likewise the British has destroyed the English Bulldog - another sad and tragic story of degeneration by wrong breeding methods by their owners and so-called breed experts - the gods of dogs that make these stupid breeding decisions. **Re post Gawie MK.**