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Common misconceptions about American Pit Bull terriers.

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Before you boldly accept that something you heard or read about APBT dogs as true, first research it to see if it is really a dog myth or a dog fact.

Looking at some facts and fictions.

1. Fact! >> "Whoever controls the media controls the people."

The American Pit Bull terrier breed has become shrouded in myth's and misinformation for so long and also presented as something these dogs are not by those that want to sell APBT "puppies" just to be able to make a sale and to get rid of the puppies.

With highly publicized media reports if and when an APBT were involved in an incident biting a human or animal or involved in underground fighting (against the law of South Africa) then ... misleading statistics that portrayed all APBT as violent and dangerous dogs, instead of animals that deserve respect and love by their knowledgeable and passionate owners.

2. Fact! >> this breed is not everyone's cup of tea – come to understand this before you wade into Pit bulls.

Hitler's propaganda minister in Nazi-Germany Goebbels once said: "If you tell a lie often enough, people will believe it is the truth". For years, legislators and concerned APBT owners have debated the "real" American Pit bull terriers' reputation and their temperament, bringing a cloud of negativity over the this noble breed of dog - but also by some that know ... straight talk – and today straight talk and truth became more necessary.

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Then by presenting this sporting and working dog – also sought after by most as the perfect family dog that can protect and be a super watchdog the way they are – without white washing or sugar coating this breed.

Come on "real APBT's" are something else.

Some might say why the double standard?

Straight talk about them must be presented – truth without no bullshit.

I rather not sell or place a Manjaro bred APBT puppy or dog with the uniformed – it is unethical and I will not lie about this breed.

3. Fact! >> No other dog has had so much media coverage since 1936/7 as the "real game bred American Pit Bull terrier".

It's tough not to be emotional one way or the other about these canines as the ultimate domesticated dog, especially if you've owned and live with one or more and especially if you are a breeder or competitor in sporting dog activities or just an ordinary home owner with an APBT, more so if you or a loved one has been involved in a bad incident involving an APBT (your dogs or someone's else's) or more so with any other dog.

One side says these dogs are dangerous and should be banned - the other side says they are awesome house, family, catch and working dogs or show dogs, safe dogs (with an owner that understand, socialized manage and train their game dogs) and mostly it's the owners who are to blame for any "bad Pits" or any dog aggressive breed ... *be it animal aggression or taught human aggressive APBT dogs.*

What is the truth? - Somewhere in between?

4. Myth! >> Dogs of this physical traits types all are Pit bulls.

Today this breed of dog the American Pit Bull Terrier... do get referred to as, Pit Bull, APBT and fondly Bull dog, or wrongly referred to as that "type of dog" that has "Pit Bull" traits or looks.

It is all "muddled" if you don't know and then lumping other "bully type" breeds and the American Staffordshire terrier, Ban dogs, Pit bull mix breeding dogs "blue pits" and many other non-"Pit bulls" as American Pit Bull terriers.

Most "Pit Bulls "like dogs" on the street are mixes – but "some" could be a real APBT – and "some" of these dogs then with more pit bull genes than other genes.

Then you still might find "some APBT breeders" breeding the "real" APBT working dog as true sporting dog because of their abilities, traits, workable temperament and no fear never give up characteristics.

Most real APBT are conditioned by fanciers for various show ability and conformation competitions and also generally as family dogs for those that are interested in the "real APBT as breed".

The APBT breeding goals are - to produce a stable, well temperament, talented, high prey drive and "sporting and ability bred dogs" then for various competitive dog sports and various other disciplines.

But never to forget a dog (any dog) is and will be "a domesticated dog and an "animal" all the same.

It gets more confusing when trying to identify just how many APBT's are responsible for dog or human attacks or "some" human aggression and dog on dog attacks in public areas. This will depend on physical reports and knowledge about the breed.

Whenever you see the term "Pit Bull" in the press, it can refer to any type of dog.

Even by informing the press (my experience with reporters) what you say will be presented in a way to cause sensation.

This is what real knowledgeable breeders and APBT keepers might reveal - some really game "Pit bulls" are so game that they might snap or bite their handlers because of prey drive and gameness intensity at the moment of facing a challenge and in the excitement to be off the lead - this not an act of human aggression but an excitement response to engage in combat.

Come on, we talking about a fighting breed of dog here.

If you know the breed and has lived and worked with these awesome dogs - I am sure by now you will know this.

This said - like with any dog it will not be right-out human aggression but just like with any other over existed dogs a dog might snap and bite when handled in certain situations.

Again! >> Then never to forget a dog (any dog) is and will be "a domesticated dog and an "animal" all the same.

More often than you would think a dog that right-out attacked someone (mostly the handler) and is labelled "APBT" is actually a mutt or mix breed or a different breed altogether - but it could also be a real APBT, especially a fighting dog that had been exposed to dog fighting or having had run in before with any other dog or animal whatever the circumstances.

Again! >> but it could have been a real APBT – proven statistics of dog breeds have a 4 % APBT as the culprit. 4% ... come on!

Even if a picture is attached and it looks like an APBT, it could be any number of mixes, which produce similar characteristics and again it could have been the real thing.

Don't beat about the bush. Often see a Face book posting "Can anyone tell me if this is a Pitbull?" with a photo of a Pitbull "type" dog.

See and hear Schoolboy's "TalkingPeds" on YouTube and be informed – even so that it was in the time when "pit" fighting was legal - Yep we still talking about the APBT.

But when you think about it, condemning a dog only based on their physical traits?

(Profiling the APBT breed – see article on profiling on this website) is declaring guilt based purely on appearance – what that persons make it out to be - - this is what BSL is about and this is what concern most "real" APBT breed owners.

At Manjaro's I love, keep, breed, train and manage my APBT's family of dogs – have them as house dogs, as family dogs that involve children of all ages also living with families without children, single young men and or woman, elderly people also utilize them a therapy dogs, those utilized them as hunting dogs, as needed as watch dogs -also those that purposely have the APBT and trained and utilized them as protection or security or attack dogs.

I believe I know this breed as many of APBT proudly can proclaim.

But know this! >> These dogs are no fluffy stuffed toy dogs or useless garden furniture items.

We talking about the APBT that have the potential to be and mostly are dog and other animal aggressive to extent and then easily be trained and teased or if allowed and will bite just as and even more so than any other guard and attack dog breeds.

But of course there are some sensible knowledgeable well informed and experienced dog people and some that really are involved with this breed who rightfully and honestly feel that these working high prey driven dogs, performance bred sporting APBT's are a danger in some situations to the owner, handler and more so to society or the inexperienced.

Often APBT fanciers (the same for other popular breeds fanciers - do not know much about the breed of dog and certainly not much or nothing about real game bred, high prey drive APBT's.

However, they and anyone else are being bombarded with almost all-bad press about this breed of dog.

Like anything else in life ... first come to know that this breed is a sought after family dog of choice to have and educate yourself about what they can do.

It is evident that the media fuels misconceptions and stupidity about APBT's and stirs up the public.

Again!

"It is my firm conviction that no one should own [an American Pit Bull Terrier] who does not at least understand their desire to fight and ability to do so, and be willing to take the consequences for it: a little extra caution and care. If they are not so willing and accepting, let them obtain another breed."

- Richard Stratton, "The Truth About the American Pit Bull Terrier"

The fact! >> Remain that real APBT are not everyone's cup of tea. Moreover, the statistics behind the fury are most often less than accurate and the sometime bluntly wrong and misleading.

Even the Centre for Disease Control, which puts out many of the stats in America, have states that dog bite and dog attack data cannot be gathered accurately.

Nevertheless ... the section of society that does not feel safe with APBT's has a right to be heard.

Considering that with the "propaganda" the public and uninformed are fed about APBT's, it is no wonder they do not believe the "real" APBT supporters.

Below are more definite misconceptions and then "some truths" about APBT's, which both support and contradict the general views of either "Pit Bulls are dangerous" or "Pit Bulls are just like Golden Retrievers."

Just as it is tough to be unemotional about these dogs, it is also tough to be unbiased when you know, love, perpetuate and keep or show or breed these dogs.

5. "Pit Bulls" can be with other dogs and/or cats – "Depending"

Depending! >> ... It's possible ... but mostly been proven wrong having an APBT as family dog with other pets.

This is probably the biggest misconception and biggest misunderstanding when it comes to the APBT breed (so many ordinary Pit-bull owners can vouch for this).

"Some" APBT raised as family dog with proper socializing, training management and handling might learn to live peacefully (under supervision) in the company of other dogs and often with the cat as well (then also to know > your cat and your other dogs ... they grew up with).

This entirely depended on your socializing skills, management of the situation and your quality as the authority respected leader's and of course your ability and constant (from puppy) training and correcting. Then also true some individual game bred APBT dog's males or females will not tolerate same sex dogs or other animals when fully grown and need to be kept separate. Realize we are talking about the ultimate fighting dog the APBT.

6. **Fiction!** >> Pit Bulls do not feel pain.

Myth – also one of the biggest myths about American Pit Bull Terriers is that they do not feel pain.

When you look at the physical makeup of a Pit Bull versus any other dog breed, you'll find that they are all made the same.

They have the same nervous system and brain waves that tell the dog 'ouch that hurts.'

What is true is that this breed has the determination and tolerance to withstand / ignore / cope with higher pain tolerances in combat mode.

Just like people who have a higher pain tolerance (I know because I have), Pit bulls are like those people.

A 12 round boxing match surely bring punishment but the gameness and never give up drive of the boxers drive them to the end of a grueling 12 round match – not without pain.

Can you take a Pit bull and shock it with a stunt gun without the dog feeling anything? No of course not!

Can you poke a Pit bull with a hot fire poker or kick them in the teeth or fight them purposely without the dog feeling or crying?

No, of course not – come on!

The idea that Pit Bulls do not feel pain came from game Pit bulls fighting dog that have been bred to have the desire to continue fighting until the job is complete, no matter the discomfort and sometimes the pain – just like the boxer in their fight.

In the example - the dog fights, get bitten, loses an ear, but the dog continues to fight, some of the ignorant out their gains the notion that this type of dog doesn't feel pain – bullshit!

7. Fiction! >> Raw feeding myth.

Many people have the wrong idea about feeding raw meats, blood, organs and bone diet - here is a fallacy which states that by feeding raw bloody meat and organs and raw meaty bones This diet will make the dog more dog aggressive/kill mad and bloodthirsty and will cause them to want to kill anything all the time - animal and people.

This is absolutely not true.

Fighting and killing all depends on other issues in the dog's make up and has nothing to do with the raw meaty bone diet they eat.

In the wild, wild wolves and wild dogs only hunt prey animals when hungry and eat the kill "fresh meat" – the of course it perfect and natural dogs are carnivores not herbivores.

Species appropriate food for the carnivores don't make them aggressive – that's just the natural food Mother Nature intended them to eat.

8. Fiction! >> "Pet bull" myth.

In a recent joint article published in the Journal for the South African Board of Companion Animal Professionals, PBFSA and "Underdogs SA" it has been stated; "that the APBT game bred dog's - breed's genetics cannot be denied or disregarded and it is realistically safer to assume that APBT's would be dog aggressive and animal aggressive ... and that in this regard owners, trainers and other professionals working with the APBT dogs always need to keep the breed's propensity for animal aggression and dog fighting in mind.

Disregarding this breed's genetics and history – by ignorance - has in many cases lead to attacks on other animals ... when opportunity present itself - (Natural APBT behaviour).

More so in the rescue and shelter situation ... it is safer to assume that any dog (more so a the APBT dog) would be dog and or animal aggressive and shelters should take caution not to rehome these proven problem types of attack dogs and especially the APBT dog with any other yard animals.

Any interested person looking for "a rescue or abused dog" (mostly wanting a dog like this for free) and then all possible new dog owners (should be – and be informed) be well aware that they cannot leave their new or adopted APBT dog unsupervised with other animals, and that at any given time their new APBT dog may not be able to live with the owners existing pets.

Rather offer another "type" dog breed or mix breed and then not the APBT – again the APBT might not be their cup of tea.

With worldwide increase popularity has come a new unrealistic view of the APBT breed and with it come the term "pet bulls".

According to those who hold this view - the APBT is a loveable couch potato and they disregard this breed's genetics ... proponents of the "pet bull myth" they believe that through "raising socialization, TLC and training, and personal environment" the APBT's high prey drive, gameness and animal aggression (especially dog aggression) can be eliminated and these dogs can live in harmony with all other animals without any caution being taken.

The informed and knowledgeable APBT fancier that know - are of the belief and know that this is a false sense of security.

Know this! ... genetics cannot be untaught and when untrained, unruly and not socialized ... the APBT dogs "go wrong" – some might say "go right" (or react as APBT) ...there will be carnage and often the other dog or animal are killed or hurt.

We are of the opinion that the "pet bull myth" sets these dogs up for failure."

In fact, due to the sociable nature of the APBT dogs and apparent typical (genetically bred and inbred) easy-going human friendly temperament, APBT's are often put into situations which they are not equipped to handle - this is how so many tragedies occur.

9. Fiction! >>All "Pit Bulls" are bad:

these dogs do not have a conscience; really? They cannot be "bad."

APBT dogs react to their world - based on their breeding abilities prey drive and gameness and of course their training.

You cannot breed a dog for gameness, high prey drive and inbred ability to fight other dogs and hunt - attack, grab, hold, bite and kill ferocious wild game, for almost 200 years and expect those instincts to vanish.

While media stories of APBT aggression may spark controversy, like with any breed of dog, the "pit bull" (APBT) can run the gamut from very aggressive to exceptionally friendly.

APBT's are not ferocious beasts to be feared and reviled, same as various other purposely bred watch, guard, attack or protection dogs - these dogs aren't perfectly behaved angels either.

The origins of the domesticated dog was never meant to be a pet but meant to be a working animal – this because they could do certain things better than man, faster than man – their purpose was working for man - for man's survival.

John Holmes. "A dog is not "almost human," and I know of no greater insult to the canine race than to describe it as such.

Breed and then breed genetics can and will have some influence over behaviour, but ultimately it's a dog's upbringing and your managing skills and specific training (obedience to the handler out of respect) will be that will determine how well behaved the dog will be under control.

10. Fiction! >> All "Pit Bulls" are good.

Nope - dog is not innately "good."

They simply act as their instincts and owners tell them allowed them or provoke them to.

To try to sell the game American Pit Bull terrier working dog to the public as a fluffy bunny does a disservice to the public, to potential APBT owners and to the APBT themselves.

11. Fiction! >> APBT's are part of the Bully breed and part of the English Bull terrier and more dangerous than other dogs.

Nope - not entirely true.

There are several breeds of dogs often referred to as bully or bulldog breeds, including APBT, various "pit bull" types, bulldogs, mastiffs, Staffordshire Bull terriers, American Staffordshire terriers, boxers, Bull Terriers Bandogs and American Bulldogs and various "Bull and Terrier types" and then mostly also "bully breeds".

The "term" does not refer to their behaviour – it means they have bulldog and or terrier origins and are descendants of the bull and terrier breeds and the Old English baiting bull dogs.

Just like any other animal, “bully breed” dogs are shaped by their environment, and if not provided proper socialization and training, can be encouraged to show hostility.

12. Fiction! >> American Pit Bull terriers have locking jaws.
Nope a fallacy. There are no unique locking mechanisms in the APBT’ jaws – they are functionally identical to the jaws of any other dog breed.

In fact, no breed has ever been found to possess a mechanism that would allow them to lock their jaws.
Dogs and especially the APBT do bite, grab and shake.
Truth is truth even if no one believes it and a lie is a lie even if everyone believes it.

13. Fiction! >> American Pit bull terriers have stronger biting power than other dogs. **False!**



In fact, a recent National Geographic test comparing the bite pressure PSI (per square inch) between an APBT, a Rottweiler, and a German shepherd revealed that the APBT had the lowest PSI of the three! Come on be informed!

14. Myth! >> A dog's nose should be cold and wet.
Most of the time, your dog's nose will be cold and wet.
On occasion it may suddenly become warm and dry.
A dog's nose will stay only cold and wet because they tend to lick them a lot.

A cold, wet nose is not an indicator of good health.
You do need to watch for a runny nose or any discharge from the dog's nasal passages which can indicate illness.

15. Fiction! >> "Pit Bulls" are human aggressive.
Nope - protective but not human aggressive.
Just the opposite is true - since "real" APBT's were and mostly and still are bred with and for gameness, the owners had to make certain they would not turn on them when they went in to stop any dog fight or retrieve the kill in hunting.
Imagine a dog, so riled up from or for fighting, which was able to then "turn it off" when his human appeared in the pit.
When an APBT's attacks a person, there are always other factors involved, such as protection, food, family or property or territorial endangerment.
Any dog may bite if provoked or riled up out of excitement if attempted to be stop what it is doing or prevented to complete the challenge it may face.

16. Fact! >> APBT's can cause more damage than other dogs.
Yep this is sometimes sadly true.

Myths such as the locked jaw have been disproved but the APBT's traits make them naturally more driven.

Consider these tenacity but not always true (that they often fight till death in "pit" rings – this only if allowed), gameness, prey drive, a very strong compact ability dog with a predator, athletic, muscular body can easily pull more than 4 ton and with centuries of fighting instinct can and will cause more damage than other dogs.

However, there are too many factors involved with dog bites, such as the size of the animal and where the bite occurred, to just make a blanket statement.

In their favor, an APBT will likely listen and obey better than other dogs if properly trained.

17. Fiction! >> The APBT as fighting dog cannot be rehabilitated to be a family dog.

This was disproved many times but specifically by the Michael Vick case in America where some 50 tested game proven APBT's were rescued from a fighting setup.

Of those, 49 dogs were rehabilitated. Some went to shelters such as Best Friends and many are well-loved family members today.

Many similar actual factual stories are facts and such new owners can relate to this worldwide.

The testing used to determine these exposed to dog fighting dogs ability to fit into society was exhaustive, excellent, and successful.

18. Truth! >> Anyone can own an APBT.

Yep true but they should not, APBT's are different from other dogs – this is game bred dogs and normally dog aggressive with high prey drives and their owners or new owners need to be informed about these facts before purchasing such a dog.

This is where you get puppy peddlers or real truthful passionate breed breeders – these “bull-Shitter’s” are commonly known or become known by the APBT public at large.

A real dog lover who has had any other breed of dog all their life will be sorely surprised - unless informed or then by first doing their homework and first have to come to a real understanding about the APBT’s history, temperament, traits and dog aggressiveness truths and myths about APBT’s.

APBT’s need’s a lot of structure and a very pronounced human authority leadership and needed training, exercise and lots of TLC and attention.

APBT owners needs consistency, time, and energy and maybe some muscle and “gameness” to appreciate such a dog.

19. Fiction! >> APBT’s will always fight other dogs and are more dog aggressive than other dogs.

Agree to disagree – only when provoked or challenged or given opportunity.

This breed of dog is definitely “ready” and with a natural high prey drive and “ready dog aggression” mode but under owners control.

Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, Dogs: The Wolf within – “Even the tiniest Poodle or Chihuahua is still a wolf at heart.”

Although the APBT have a reputation for being aggressors, inter dog aggression and high prey drive is a common dog behaviour (know this) but most other sought after watch or protection dog breeds are also known for it as well the APBT as the ultimate fighting breed.

Also true that some APBT dogs can be so dog aggressive that they should be the only dog in the house.

Knowing this is as a game bred dog ... then also know they also should not go to dog parks or areas where dogs run off-leash.

Any APBT could get into a fight with another dog, just the same as any dog could.

However, breaking up or stopping an APBT fighting is much harder than a tiff between a fox terrier and a Golden Retriever.

If you have an APBT, learn about this breeds body language and the signs that this dog is getting ready to fight or any challenge, how to stop it, how prevent it and how to break up a fight when happening. *See articles about these scenarios on this Website.*

This then will prevent many incidents –always be aware of your responsibility and accountability.

In addition, get experience to break up your APBT in any dog fight.

20. Myth! >> APBT's are lovers not fighters.

Not entirely true - since it has been established that they can be fighters, what about lovers? Absolutely!

APBT's give more kisses than any other type of dog (it's proven!).

They love humans and human interactions with everyone in the family – especially children they grow up with – it's unbelievable.

They feed off positive attention. These dogs are loving, friendly creatures.

Moreover, they are the kings of clowning and they thrive with a human that will be the authority figure.

21. Fact! >> Pit Bulls are good with children.

Yep this is a fact - Pit Bulls always test high as one of the most stable breeds of dogs – then of course be sensible ... always under supervision like with any other dog.

These statistics can also be found with the American Temperament Test Society of the United States, Google it - where they always fall as one of the top five most stable dogs in existence.

Because of these characteristics, they are extremely patient and tolerant of children, love to be loved.

22. Myth! >> American Pit bull terriers are known to attack without warning.

False - APBT's are no more or less unpredictable than any other type of dog and no dog is likely to transform from a docile companion to a violent aggressor without warning or provocation or purpose training.

There are always red flags when dogs become aroused, ready, upset or afraid.

The issue is not that APBT's attack without warning; it's that humans often fail to recognize the warning signs.

23. Myth! >> All Pit Bulls will "snap" and attack a person sooner or later.

Fiction - Pit Bulls are a very popular breed and rarely attack.

Pit Bulls are very powerful animals, so when something does go wrong, it usually makes the news.

It was said ... almost all Pit Bull attacks have involved unaltered Pit Bulls, argumentative ... owner's choice ... for the non-breeder it might important to have your Pit Bull spayed or neutered as soon as possible. Additionally, serious Pit Bull attacks rarely involve spayed/neutered Pit Bulls (here's the crux of the matter – those that have received proper training and socialization).

Know that dog fight with their teeth – no use neutering them.

24. Myth! >> Pit Bulls are good for first time dog owners.

Fiction - bullshit– it might be true if the first time owner first come to know the breed.

Although this breed is fantastic with people and as family dog they can be a challenge.

They are extremely strong and athletic dogs and unless the owner is prepared to attend a training program and have a secure and structured living environment.

I would not recommend this breed for your first dog unless you have done your homework and are fully informed.

Might agree if this dog then will be the only dog in the household and with sharing relevant information to the owner to prepare their journey with their new APBT puppy. Breeder's should be in content and stay in contact with their pups sold.

25. Fact! >> Pit Bulls are good dogs for Condo/ flat/ complex living. Though Pit Bulls are athletic and love to get out and play, if they had their free choice, they would be sleeping on the couch, 24/7.

They are short coated dogs and do not do well outside in the cold weather or very hot weather.

They don't shed too much and are easily groomed, thus making them the ultimate indoor dog.

It go without saying that adequate play and exercise will allow the dog to be socialized and enjoy outside exercise and attention.

26. Myth! >> APBT's are badly behaved.

Any dog that has this much energy and motivation coded into their DNA can cause problems if this dog doesn't get enough attention and exercise.

APBT's will put their whole hearts into destruction - of couches, beds, pillows, your boots and garden.

But all they need is to have that energy redirected.

APBT are highly intelligent and easily trainable but they do need to be trained and socialized.

Their intelligence, focus, gameness, loyalty and desire to please make them one of the most teachable dogs.

27. Myth! >> Red nose Pit Bulls are more aggressive.

Fiction - Are blondes dumb? Do redheads have a quicker temper?

Of course not! "Red nose" is simply a colour/style of a dog with a red nose. They have a lighter pigment such as a pinkish / red nose with yellow/green eyes.

They act no different than black or a brindle Pit Bulls.

28. Truth! >> Pit Bulls are easy to train.

Fact - Yep - extremely easy to train.

All they want to do is please you and will use every opportunity to show that. As they are so sensitive to your feelings, verbal training comes easily with this breed.

29. Argumentative! >> Compromise is unthinkable.

Unfortunately, both sides of the APBT debate are often stubborn about their views and solutions.

For those who think BSL is wrong, they need to be realistic about how to end it.

For those that think APBT are dangerous, they need to recognize that banning APBT's tear loved pets away from their families and what they propose will not stop all "dangerous" dogs.

Giving in a bit on both sides, such as allowing muzzling of APBT's in public places in exchange for no BSL, may prove the only hope.

30. Argumentative! >> Dogs do eat grass when they feel sick.

Even non sick dogs given the opportunity will eat grass – might when given the opportunity eat the pot plant, flower, leaves, branches from a tree and leaves – even destroy the tree.

One of the oldest dog myths is that dogs eat grass when they feel sick to their stomachs and because it makes them vomit so they feel better.

Eating grass does make your dog vomit - but not because the grass itself sickens them but because the rough blades of grass often irritate a dog's Tricia and stomach or digestive lining.

Most veterinarians, when asked about this myth, will tell you they believe that dogs eat grass simply because they like it or don't get the opportunity to eat grass in their holding kennel.

Mostly green grass and plant that dogs have easy access to (sometimes don't have easy access to this if their territory area have none) but it is not as a food source.

Yet all dogs love to eat grass.

Might it be a genic memory that they somehow know that the "chlorophyll" found in grass has a multitude of important health benefits?

But on the other hand dogs can't digest grass well enough to benefit from its chlorophyll.

Chlorophyll is abundant in whole prey diet and in the wild and carnivores as prey animals and do get a balanced intake of needed Chlorophyll by eating their prey raw.

Ask yourself if your dog could open the fridge or perhaps get an opportunity to find your fridge door open, would they pull out a bunch of broccolior kale if the butter, sausage, bacon and lunch leftovers are for the taking instead?

(See article about chlorophyll under nutrition on this website or ask to be mailed)

31. Argumentative! >> Mixed breeds are healthier overall than purebreds.

It is true that "some" breeds of dog are prone to specific diseases - but it's not true that mixed breed dogs are any healthier and heartier than purebred dogs.

Mixed breed dogs are at risk of acquiring every inherited illness common in their genetic background.

Owners of mixed breeds usually don't know exactly what the genetic makeup is for their mixed breed, other than guessing their dog is part this breed and part that breed, when in fact, the dog might be a genetic mix of several breeds.

This can put a mixed breed dog at a greater risk of developing genetic illnesses.

The only way to be sure a dog won't develop an inherited genetic illness is to adopt your dog from a reputable breeder who has screened the parents – and sometimes and mostly also the grandparents of a dog for any hereditary illnesses before they are bred.

32. Argumentative! >> Dogs eat their poop because they lack certain nutrients.

Many dogs like to eat poop. There may be a canine medical reason for this but it's usually just normal dog behaviour.

A dog might eat poop because it learned this behaviour when it was young; it likes the taste (yep, I know you're saying 'ugh' right now); The dog is seeking attention it's not getting from you out of frustration of nothing else to do; or it gets very hungry between meals. You needn't freak out if your dog occasionally eats its poop when given the opportunity.

Just be sure to clean up after your dog before it has a chance to eat it.

33. Argumentative! >> Dogs heal themselves by licking their wounds or it is good licking your wounds. They can't put on medicine or a band aid – natural dog behaviour.

It is true that (natural behaviour) dogs – canines - keep their wounds clean by licking them and this might speed up the healing process. But excessive licking of a wound is not good. It can easily promote more damage to the dog's wounded tissues, which in turn may result in bacterial infection.

If your dog starts licking a wound excessively, try to stop the behaviour by focusing the dog's attention on something else.

Concluding.

You might want to add to this list – please contact me on if you like on E
Mail manjaros@pitbullsa.co.za.

APBT's are just like other dogs but as sought after family dog of choice
then maybe just more dog and the more the reason for the choice.

Their gameness, focus, desire to please and boundless energy can be
seen as either productive or unproductive traits.

To know is to utilize these characteristics in focused play and work,
such as regular long walks, play time, agility and ability work like weight
pulling, rescue work or nose work.