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The reality of a dog fight.

When having and keeping an APBT the first thing to wrap your mind around will be the possibility that your APBT dog will be involved in a dog fight.

This is not only about APBT versus APBT dog - but with the APBT dog and any other dog or animal even humans Type and size will not matter.

Any APBT dog fight is violent, scary and dangerous for the dogs involved and also dangerous for the owner or handler breaking up the fight.

First things first – it will be essential to be educated and then to educate each member of your human family and any kennel help - in precisely how to react and to safely (relating to human safety) break up a dog fight and how to then safely separate them into secure areas.

Remote collars are used with some success on young and growing dogs during training and socialising and could prevent the start/desire of any dog fighting.

These collars are not effective in breaking up a dog fight in progress and might or will aggravate the dog it is used on to fight more vigorously thinking it's the opposition dishing out the pain.

Any dog that get an hour or more exercise daily – walks, swimming, mill and play – is not going to have the same behavioural problems as a dog that lay home all day doing nothing.

This said -exercise is no guarantee for not fighting when it concern APBT's and when the opportunity present itself.

Never try getting in the middle of any dog fight and try pulling them apart – one person can never do this - even with handling one of the dogs it is a calculated mission and a learned performance.

In attempting to break up the dog fight realize you can be bitten and could be seriously injured and breaking up a dog fight is not everybody's cup of tea – not for the everyday person or any family member without training or experience or trying without a solid working knowledge about the safe knowhow.

Then again - with keeping an APBT dog you might be forced - sometimes it will be a personal decision you have to make and then if you are up to it you have to be ready to separate the dog without the possibility of human injury. But even so - most people should never attempt this at all.

The goal here is and always should be that keepers / handlers of APBT dogs should motivate themselves to learn how to prevent a dog fight to happen and this should be your main aim and the kennel design and daily yard management should planned around this.

This goes hand in hand with plain staking socializing, Alpha leadership and obedience training from day one.

Dogs reach maturity from +- 12 months onward and sometimes earlier (with some APBT it will be from as young as 7 months old) – this is the time that any APBT dog will establish rank within the family pack and with any other dogs and cats – no matter how fine they lived together with another dog or cat.

Once the APBT fight there will never be going back – never – there is no exception because you can't undo 200 years of specific breeding traits of which dog fighting and gameness was genetically bred for.

Maybe it's possible for you and your dogs that could have co-existed for months even years as a family pack, but one day a dog fight will happen and when it does someone have to deal with it.

Especially with an older APBT dog living in harmony (so it seems) with a puppy or younger dog until the day the younger dog won't be submissive any longer to a growl or nip from the older dog and the younger dog will challenge the older dog and with the APBT the dog fight will be on.

Knowledge and practical experience of dog fights and separation in this regard will enable you to do just that and to do it safely -prevent injury to yourself and injury to your dog or dogs.

All methods / solutions and myths you heard about – using water – hose pipe – fire extinguisher, fizzy spray, hitting, shouting or praying ... some might work (so it is said) ... some of the times it might work. But a wiser solution is to learn beforehand how to safely break up a dog fight all of the time without getting hurt or better still do everything possible and necessary to make sure you never need to break up an APBT fight.

It only takes a second or two for a dog to do great deal of damage when you get bitten by mistake or by ignorance.

Breaking up a pack fight involving more than 2 dogs is almost impossible for the dog owner by himself without help of others then also with knowledge and experience help.

(See breaking up a dog fight on this website).

A physically fit, properly trained and experienced adult person is needed in manhandling dogs and more so with dog with dogs in a fight.

But some people (at home) is simply not equip and able and may be forced to walk away - and this will then will be a hard and difficult but wise calculated decision to make, but the right and safest decision.

Realize without enough training and experience you should not try to break them up, call for help.

Just because you have walked a grown APBT on a leash and this dog was well socialized and follows your come, sit and stay commands at home, it does not mean you automatically qualify and could handle the APBT in a dog fight.

This APBT dog is the ultimate in fighting breed and will explode in to a super state fighting mode (syndrome) with unbelievable strength and purpose and in the heat of battle will keep on fighting (will not react to voice command) and will fight for his life (survival) or to destroy the adversary with exactly that frame of mind.

In this frame of mind (fighting mode state) this dog will not listen to any of your commands, will never give up or stop and you or someone will have to stop the fight by separating these fighting dogs.

In any yard or at home situation never then lower your guard and even more so with having more than one dog and more so if one or more is APBT's.

Never think of putting adult APBT together just to see if they will get along, more so if they have a prior history of fighting.

Two on more dogs can live in the same yard or house if separated and rotated by the owner at will.