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***The "unholy" subject.
Gameness – "Srcanost".***

Let's not sugar coat or whitewash the truth about the APBT – about gameness.

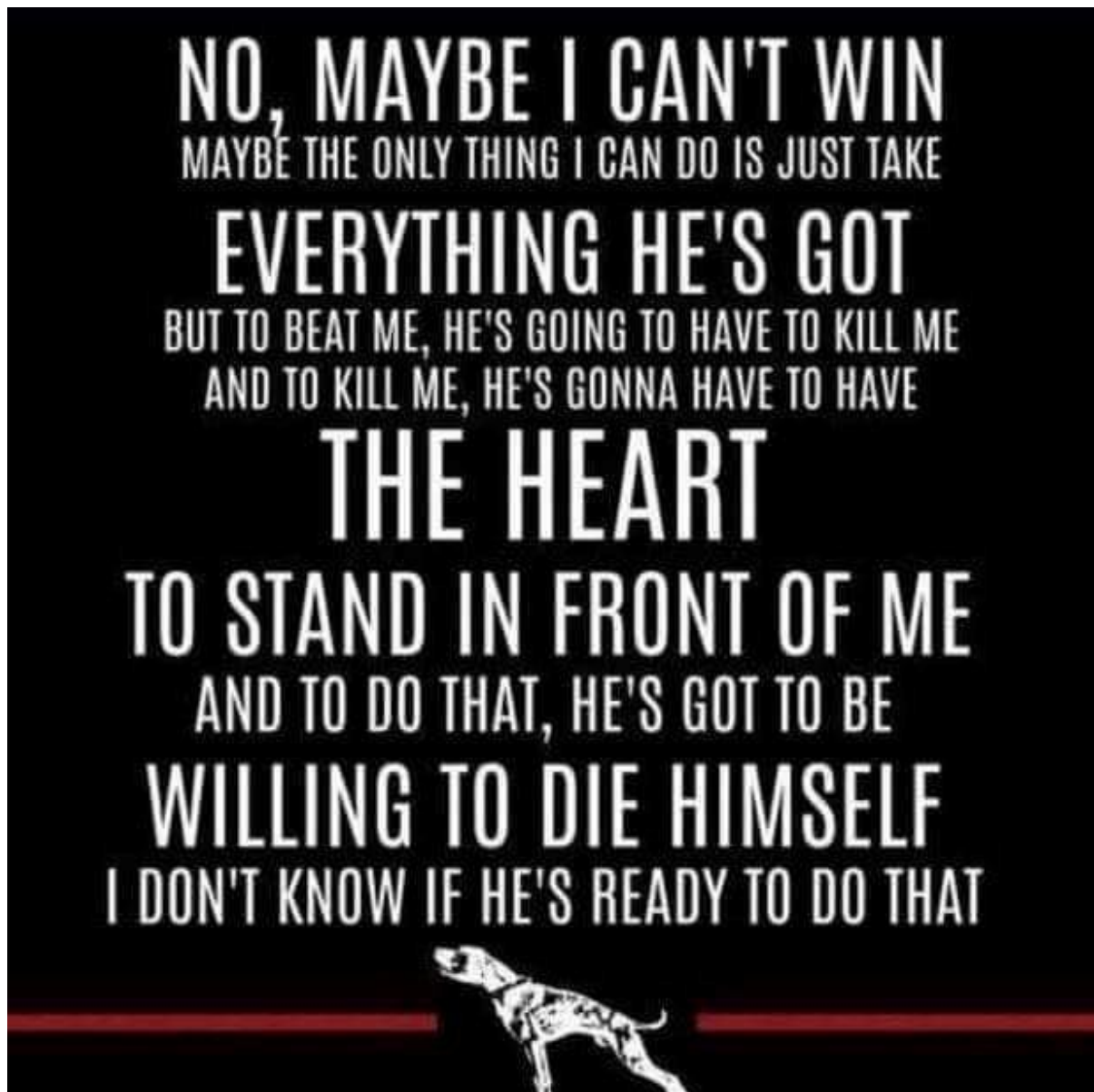
The APBT is a game fighting dog.

This article specific explain the concept of gameness as past history revealed the information regarding gameness.

Please note in no way does this give you right to test roll or match dogs – see article on this website about dog fighting and the law.

Then to know aggression is not gameness.

Fact > the domesticated "dog" was **never** meant to be a pet but it turned out they became excellent companions to man ... but firstly was sought after as a **working dog – for what it could do.**

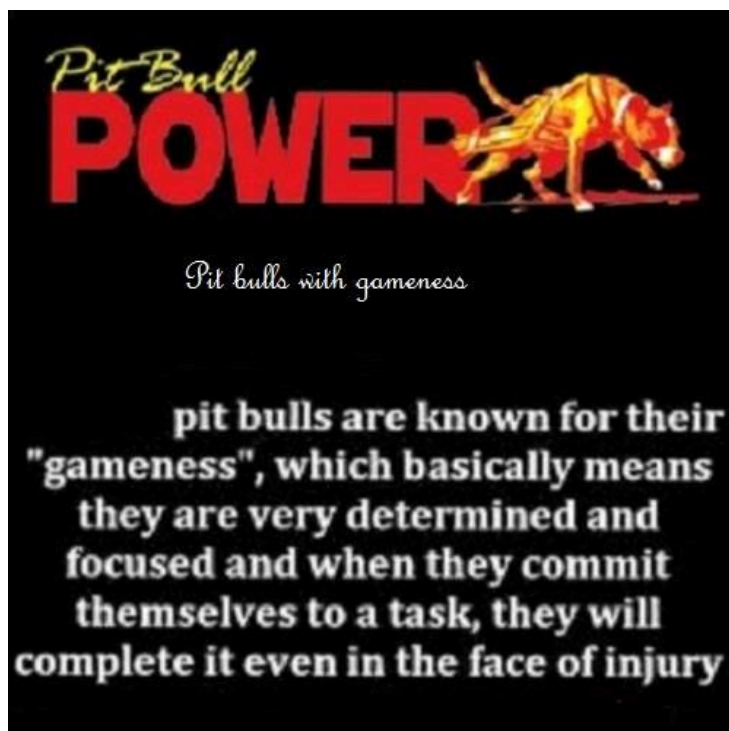


Fact > The early man took from the wild various wild animals and specifically wolves and dog types and these were purposely tamed, domesticated and trained.

Trained by man to be working animals (not pets).

Purposely socialized and trained by man as a working aid **because of what they could do** and could do better and faster and more efficiently than man – this in aiding man to survive.

Today if it's about the "**APBT** breed of dog it will be about **gameness – more so intestinal fortitude** - (just the truth), because this sought after trait "gameness" is all about game dogs with that ability to face anything you put up in their face with that never give up urge and the APBT is proven to be the ultimate game bred dog.



Gameness - This is a "descriptive" term that is often used to refer to a dog **that won't quit (give up) and that always sees themselves as winning or succeeding ... no matter how bad or good it go.**

While gameness **may be enhanced by various other drives,** also by disregarding injury and pain whilst in action (to know is that these dogs do feel pain just like any other dog or animal).

Know this! This does not mean Pit bulls don't feel pain (lower threshold is not as significant), gameness is about the state of mind and is not really a drive in of itself.

With the real "game dog", it does not matter if they are hot, tired, injured, or on bottom.

No matter what is going on physically, a game dog is mentally comfortable while in action performing a task.

This is what make them different no normal cur dogs not bred for gameness.

It's also common norm that some dog men refers to the APBT as game 'bulldog' – this does not mean it is bulldog but realize they been bred from "bulldog types" and have such mannerisms.

It was said "Gameness reaches past the mind, heart, soul and nerves, it resides deep into the depths of the "spirit" – thus the essence of the game dog.

Then again ... gameness is a quality inherent "in some" in various grades (argumentative) never the less not equal in all but a trait worth breeding for as a quest for life if we talk about the APBT.

It's a quality that when detected must be cherished and managed as breeder and cared for, it must be preserved and breed for all time if possible (by specifically breed for it gameness to gameness), not destroyed as some would have it out of fear and misunderstanding.

Those who would destroy this admirable quality cannot have experienced that deep feeling that touches the very soul when deep gameness was displayed, it is sad but only a few ever will.

Perhaps their disdain is rooted in fear and misconception or ignorance or no knowhow.

So long gameness form part of "certain game dogs" and the creatures that possess it and so long care takers of trait in their dogs take care of it and in life are even half as game as the dogs they possess, it will live on forever.

Now with a game "Bulldog", there are very few things closer to the truth.

When talking about gameness – realize - some facts are beyond reasoning.

Floyd Boudreaux correctly said "I don't think you can change a dog a whole lot after it is born ... all you can do is **sharpen** the existing abilities a little bit ... **but you can't make it game** - or tech it to be more game.

Again - gameness is about the state of mind and is not really a drive in of itself – then to say (argumentative but true) ... some dogs have degrees of gameness.

Today - also true – for some – most APBT owners today - APBT dog fanciers, owners and or breeders - gameness is not an issue at all and does not need any proof and especially not gameness tested as in fighting the dog – this in relation to laws and ban on dog fighting. Then it's cool if you or they are happy with your APBT dog (and normally APBT owners are) and that you don't need no proof of gameness – even when you competing with your APBT dog in whatever ability or conformation competition or discipline or just do not have to know (or bother to know) about gameness when it comes to your APBT family dog.

But it will be there! – Gameness - to understand is ... that gameness is a part of the APBT makeup if you like it or not.

Then you also can agree that "**some APBT dog men**", breed specific breeders, enthusiasts and fanciers **do place gameness on top of the list – because that is what make the APBT a APBT.**

Gameness in general is a stunning subject – on this we **can** then agree or peacefully agree to disagree.

A game dog or a game bred dog, that's cool too – these statements as by **interpretation or by revelation.**

But the **truth is** - the APBT origins is a mix between Bull and Terrier types "of the time" and then some - and **gameness** is what made the difference then and also today.

Also ironically **it is not the dog that is king of the jungle.**



The analogy of yin and yang.

Looking at the analogy of a rose.

To understand is to understand the term "the essence" of the American Pit-bull Terrier ... then it will be that the essence "is gameness".

Like in the essence of a rose – is a rose ... it represent the rose with no uncertain terms - then the gameness as "essence" of the APBT represent the APBT ... more so with no uncertain terms – if the rose do not smell like a rose, look like a rose it's no rose but just a similar looking flower even if it have thorns ... it's not a rose – if the APBT have no gameness it is then just like another dog even if it have teeth ... but it does not make that dog a game dog.

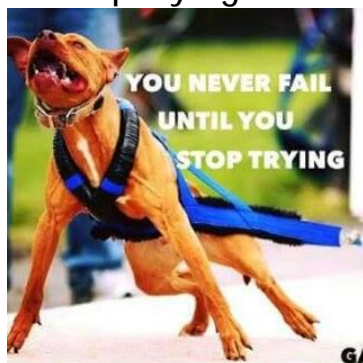
The analogy of the "Qi"

In traditional Chinese medicine and other Eastern medicinal practices "Qi" means **(life force)**.

With the "game" APBT you can relate to gameness as the "Qi" - the life force of this noble warrior – the game APBT.

The APBT game dog is known for **this specific state of mind** – some call it a trait but most call it as it is - gameness, which basically means these dogs are very determined and focused and when they commit themselves to a task (any task) **and any challenge** - and especially in fighting other dogs or animals; they **will** complete the task competing - even in the face of injury or death.

To stop trying ... **relate to curing.**



Without beating about the bush.

Pain and degrees of pain can and will effect different levels of gameness (yep this statement might be argumentative) ... but will effect willingness sticking with being punished.

Then the total lack of power and stamina during the race to continue can also be a degree of gameness or a lack of it and might affect the dog's decision to stop - then standing the count (also argumentative).

This "gameness" also plays the major roll with the APBT as ordinary family dog, as hunting dog, as catch and as control dog and also with them as show and ability competition dogs – **they want compete want to conquer.**

Again! >> When talking about the APBT - then you have to realize **gameness will be there.**

Again! ... Gameness is a part of the APBT makeup ... a state of mind.

Then it is also true that the ultimate and only test for "gameness" will then be to test gameness to gameness where gameness can be experience - during a dog fight or hunt – the question will be ... will it quit or cur (stop trying) turn an run away or prove their gameness?



Others test or competition determines or test best in ability traits, best in breed conformation, strength, best in temperament, in obedience or agility - but these competitions or tests cannot test gameness as such – **never to the degree** of real gameness (this is one of those facts that are beyond reasoning).

Argumentative – As mentioned above then also true that you do find degrees of gameness – as seen in the light of willingness to continue in any contest or specific situation when ability or stamina can't be depended on anymore.

Some truths and “**general acceptance**” regarding **this gripping subject**. To watch action movies about bank robberies will not make you a bank robber (but it could) – then also true if you want to know about this single APBT trait (gameness) and watch clips of historical or recent dog fights or study this subject - **it does not automatically make you a dogfighter** (but it could).

Man's desire to compete for the best or to have or be the best **is a human curse**.

In this same context - to keep, train and condition these APBT game working dogs do not automatically mean you do so to fight dogs or to determine gameness - but it could.

To be a dog fighter you actually **have to fight the dog** and thereby to prove the specific dog's degree of gameness – again ... you actually have to fight your conditioned game dog with a game conditioned dog of equal weight to experience this ... this relates to the analogy above about “**revelation**”.

There is a big difference between “interpretation” – what you can learn in books and revelation what you can observe with your eyes.

Today in our modern society as an APBT dog fancier (sometimes OK to say fanatic) it always felt to be important to be careful of some info – personal meanings - statements - facts – history - or experience that you might choose to share with the common public out there especially on the internet.

This said because it stand to reason there's a lot of anti-APBT propaganda – anti-APBT organizations - anti dog fighting groups - then also immature, ignorant people - even breeders – and some show dog enthusiast that are into the APBT breed of dog as the ultimate game working dog, who claim knowing (knowledge is not a sin) about this dog breed and about gameness, while in reality don't (this relates to the analogy of “**interpretation**” above), and just don't (ok to say don't want to know).

Understand the huge difference between a conscientious, knowledgeable APBT game dog owner or breeder breeding “for gameness” and or non-caring ordinary person / owner keeping an APBT for any or no specific reason, be it the macho image reason!

Not much is being said about the APBT's gameness **as catch dog** - and then to know – that the APBT as catch dogs are indeed awesome canine athletes and predators and make and is making their mark with no uncertain terms – **this also because of gameness.**

This task was the **origin of domesticating the wild canine predators in the first place** – to catch fight and kill for the convenience of man because “these animals” could do that better than man.

Know this! >>The undisputable fact is if you really want a really nice purebred APBT for whatever purpose, you're generally better off getting one that has been game-bred - because these game dogs represent the truest examples of all the best qualities in this breed of dog, **because of gameness** – because of historic and generic selected breeding goals - real APBT traits with stunning temperament and then - **connected with gameness.**

The age old many time asked question – I'm sure we all know this one. Why on earth then does anyone or the selected few want a game bred dog in the first place?

Why not any other type of non-game or non-violent dog with a low prey drive? mediocre or non-existent violent nature and gameness ... in the sense of dog to dog fighting and animal aggression?

If it was then **by choice and your passion for this game dog**, it will be **your responsibility** (or become your responsibility) to feed, socialize, train and condition your APBT game working dog and then to be proud to have this breed of dog - but will also press on your **accountably and responsibility**.

It's the same as keeping race horses, racing dogs or racing pigeon's or keeping any natural competitive animal – they want to compete!!!! Today in our modern society and because of man's competitive nature its ok to the say "some" will be fanatic about old cars, race and sport cars or motorbikes, about racing pigeons, fishing, horse races or hunting with dogs or being a hunter.

Then also true > Then, if this is **your** passion – then to be passionate about game dogs and then the APBT dog, it will mean to feed them the best possible canine nutritional, absorbable and needed food with some best added essential and needed supplements, always hands on their absolute health, constantly training and conditioning – **and then to "experience" the truth about what you keep**.

Those into sport cars constantly keep their "pride and joy" spotless, shining and fully pre tuned and serviced just for that "one ride".

For the APBT fanatics it will be good sense then to have the best of what the breed can offer – the very best – that which relate to breed **gameness, desired APBT traits, conformation and correct typical desired APBT breed human friendliness (a must and typical characteristic of this breed of dog)**.

Gameness in the "APBT game dog" is the age old subject to talk about.

Gameness is much more than just a no fear attitude of any breed of dog - this is true that this is what allows a game bred APBT to be willing to engage and keep on fighting (dog to dog in contest) or conquering any foe put up its face, non-stop for as long as it takes, for two or more hours, in spite of pain, broken bones, torn muscles, blood loss, dehydration, and exhaustion.

This trait is the same that make a racing pigeon go home – set out 1200 km from home to fly home - conquering the heat of the day, thirst, hunger, the storm winds, the rain, hail, cold and the lurking hawks (with no pre-arranged pit stops, food or water supply) ... yep - this in spite of pain dehydration exhaustion – the will and drive to go home against all other costs.

Then also true that the competitive nature of man is inclined to want to have or be the best even with racing pigeons.

More so ... always competing to be or have the best – to go in first - to be the best - in your work situation, sport, in gathering earthly goods and in whatever animal you keep – bulls, wild game, fish, birds, cats, dogs or horses etc.

Gameness in the APBT dog and their fighting abilities are the means to conquer anything you put up in their face – this goes hand in hand like coffee and sugar – but are also **different** in every way.

It is much more than just fighting a dog or being put up against another fighting dog or ferocious wild animal for the sake fulfilling their age old purpose as catch dogs - to find grab, hold shake and kill.

It is also the most singular valued trait sought after trait by most APBT owners who would **never** think of fighting their dogs - it's having and wanting the **complete** package for any one or more reasons **besides fighting dogs**.

It is all a matter of choice of yearning – the responsibility will or should become the drive.

Gameness is very hard to obtain, it's a courageous, dexterous, obstinate, spontaneous grade of **courage**- to give it **all**.

The pure bred APBT dog could have gameness (expected to have – specifically bred to have and or bred from parents that have) and **will demonstrate gameness only when tested in actual game test fighting or actual pit contest fighting or accidental dog fighting and in the hunt as catch dog but also reveals itself in everyday challenges and in any ability contest.**

Mostly today the uninformed believe gameness or a degree of gameness can be tested “fully” in the dog organized ability competition – then against the dogs own sought after abilities - in then competing for in a various menu of ability traits (**except in gameness**) –in body conformation, long hang, far or board jump, weight pull and many more competition disciplines also in the heat of hunting wild ferocious animals.

It’s difficult to test gameness today because of the ban on fighting dogs (gameness against gameness), this breeds awesomeness is **readily manifested in the no fear can-do attitude toward any type of challenge**, whether in fighting, as catch or hunting dog, or in any associated endurance or agility competitions, or any working dog sport and more than ordinary examples in purposely trained protection work, heroism – and mostly as an awesome ordinary family dog.

Then today by “some” also sought after for security, then especially trained for security and attack dog or guard dogs with a difference (then awesomeness - because of this gameness).

This “gameness” is what makes them APBT - never to run away from any situation any challenge.

Gameness is what makes the best ordinary “APBT” a family dog of choice - to enable no nonsense protection for their human family with the last breath in them.

Having a “real game” APBT will reveal that these awesome breed of dogs are a unique breed, and **worth to dedicate a lifetime to them.**

Life is like that - sometimes you either into dogs or you're not, into a certain dog breed, into racing pigeons, fishing, marathons, bike or car racing, boxing or martial arts ... **but some of us** are into **real game APBT dogs**.

We're still talking about the ultimate in game dogs here – “real “APBT game dogs that can compete protect your family be awesome companions animals and part of your family.

For the concerned - the final and the hardest fight are with mankind and with their bullshit propaganda.

Whatever information exist “out there” (good rap and bad rap, game or not game, pit fighting, hunting or show dog) it's up to each individual to decide and experience it for themselves.

I know you have read this statement before but for me it's true - I do not condone cruelty to animals or breed, offer, sell or place my dogs specifically for illegal purposes and personally I will not violate the South African animal welfare act.

I do not condone or advocate illegal activities rolling or matching dogs - but I am dedicated to the preservation of the American Pit Bull Terrier **as game dog with gameness as in its original form, with specific APBT breed conformation, traits and with a “typical” human friendly workable temperament.**

I also do condone these statements –

“The only thing I fight “today” is discrimination ... and ignorance”.

Where there is vilification, I will teach compassion.

Where there is scare tactics I will preach temperance.

Where there are lies and myths I will speak the truth and present facts.

This said - realize some truths about **this breed are beyond the point of acceptable debate.**

The uninformed or uneducated will always question, "What is the APBT as game dog good for except for fighting?"

Then please see >>>>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBFlozOe4AM&feature=share>

As dedicated **breeder** of the APBT dog and lifelong dog lover, I do not see my role (and I really love my APBT game dogs) to dictate a specific breed of dog and then the APBT **for anyone**, because it will be morally presumptuous.

I been breeding training and conditioning various bull and terrier dogs from 1963 **because that is what I do and want to do – my soul passion – I love dogs.**

It is simple – either you keep and perpetuate the APBT game dog out of choice or you don't.

It is all about choice.

Freedom of choice is the definition of liberty.

Let it be said - the public meaning **is not** going to have a style.

Some things are more important in life (in my life) – real APBT game and game bred dogs are and my responsibility, respect and love for these awesome dogs are again on top of my list.

Getting an APBT from proven game parents and or immediate game proven ancestor these days is the "**rare**" in APBT dogs (but possible) and then ... to be able to talk about it is touching the "**unholy subject of 'Srcanost'**".

Looking at gameness.

A statement > Just because you can't explain gameness it does not mean is unexplainable.

But knowing gameness > again then it is a "revelation" – and there is a big difference between revelation and interpretation.

The meaning of gameness by those who know (then able to be explained) – the explicable phenomena, explicable behavior of a game dog in action – “a true revelation”.

Gameness is an **awesome** dog trait (with the APBT it should be a priority trait) and an **absolute truth** only to be **experience**.

Gameness cannot be taught.

You can give your dog opportunity to fight or game test roll, to pull, to hang, to jump and hunt and thereby hone their natural inbred abilities **for whatever your purpose**.

It will be the same as teaching (honing) a boxing or karate group enthusiast to box or to fight or prepare a marathon athlete to compete a 90 km race – only a few will be within the fists numbers.

These athletes are **made** not born and conquering depends on their will and ability to comply, the opportunity to test themselves against the best – then never to give up trying, no matter what the cost.

Then it is **no guarantee** ... that they will win the match, race or competition.

Realize their can only be **one winner** in any sort of competition – but **the way you lose ... or give up** will tell it all.

The gameness trait can only be tested in a contest between game gladiators human and animal (that's to degrees and what abilities the specific human or animal was genetically blessed with in the first place and with complete pre conditioning for the event) – it is not about winning or losing - it is about proving gameness – for the best proving to be the best or then to loose trying and to loose game – cage fighters – boxers, self-defense etc.

With the APBT - this gameness trait goes hand in hand with other desirable needed game dog traits such as wrestling, style, abilities, endurance, power, teeth, mouth and complete health and fitness to complete - the complete package.

It is just plain logic that a game fighting dog must have certain sought after abilities – fighting style, attack style and defense abilities, then with or without these abilities it will only be gameness that will and can propel a prolonged fight or competition, or the outcome of the event - but abilities and style will only have the final word **if** the dog has **gameness**.

Either you will know this or you will not.

This “gameness trait” is what makes the APBT so different than other dogs - so sought after.

This also true to say that it is not only APBT that are game or recognized as game dogs but this breed is honored to be said of as the ultimate in game dogs.

With the internet today anyone can peruse this gameness theory and visual data, is easily available.

It's no use to argue with fools that did not do their homework or that have no gameness experience or do not “comprehend” gameness before purchasing an APBT dog.

A real contentious but knowledgeable breeder / fancier/ owner > **will** inform, reason, **warn** and **willingly share truth** about the APBT game dog – especially **if other dogs is or will be involved** in the equation and warn against purposely teaching this breed of dog to be human aggressive because with the “real” APBT - human aggression is a taught behavior.

To define (game):- this “American Pit-Bull terrier trait” will start many comments – will certainly be argumentative and you will get different answers and personal views - and you might even lose some friends or

make some friends, or be labelled as a dogfighter or having a cruel streak – Because I say I believe in gameness I will be stoned I'm sure. It was said - "There is nothing either good or bad, but **thinking** makes it so - to me it is a prison."

A simple scenario – you never had any relationship with the opposite sex – you read up and talked about it many times even watched movies about it – bought and read many a hand book about it. Do you think this is enough and that the experience of the "real thing" (relationship) would be with no excitement or new **revelations**? – Same-O same O ... **you think ?** Well (most of us have learned this lesson) within a relationship ... "**love**" **will be the difference maker**. All dogs fight - but then "**gameness**" is the difference maker.

What remain as fact is, **this** gameness trait was, and still is, the most single outstanding trait that separates the "real" APBT as game dogs from other dog breeds also from other not game "pit bulls" >>>> only those who know this will understand.

Then to round it off, it must go hand in hand with experiencing these dog's unique unreal genetically bred human devotion (non-human aggression trait) and unreal placid temperament and to crown it still ... with some other APBT sought after "only" APBT traits and abilities and their pleasure to please their owner.

If there is no gameness in an APBT, it will result in just a body "pit-bull look" without an APBT soul – a nice dog (n' mooi hond) - just another dog that might even be an outstanding show performance dog.

Trying to differentiate between the same breed of dog regarding gameness will again get me stoned I'm sure.

Then **not to say** that a dog without gameness could not be a great dog to have to love and or a great athlete and sporting dog - but if you made up your mind about the APBT as game dog – don't settle for anything less than a "**game**" dog.

Gameness trait **is bred for** (not always successful) and should be the trait any game dog breeder **expects to find in the offspring** – or to find in **some of them** – this said ... it **is never a guarantee**.

When buying a pup you can't see this gameness trait – **no one** can guarantee a pup will be game or the degree of gameness it will have – **never** – what sometime truthfully can be stated is ... that the pups is game bred – {see article on my website about the "term" "game bred"}

Once obtained gameness is very hard to hold onto and need proving.

Once lost it is almost impossible to obtain again, except through sheer luck or many years of selective breeding, conditioning, and culling, or today "possible" by breeding with proven gameness – and ultimately only by rolling or fighting to test the gameness.

Then to know **a dog's braveness** is **not** gameness - heroism is **not** gameness, the dog's excellent athleticism, or other traits abilities and conformation (looks) **is not gameness**.

Just because a game disposition will aid a dog in excelling in various agility dog sports, endurance sport, weight pull or long hang braveness and heroism ... it does not mean these activities **are sufficient tests for gameness**.

About now if you still reading is when some will start looking for stones to put me out of my misery. **MK.**