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Looking at gameness vs. aggression.

Again - either you will know this or you don't.

Fact - dog aggression is not gameness.

Most dog aggressive dogs out there are not game and most of all, most game bred APBT's and other game bred breeds of dogs out there are not aggressive.

Initial aggressiveness just doesn't seem to relate positively or negatively to gameness.

Now aggressiveness in battle is something else again.

A game dog will keep his hold and what's more important, he'll always have a hold. When called on to scratch, whether he runs across, walks or stumble, he'll be leaning into your hands when you turn to face his

opponent. He will keep his eye on the opponent and scratch anyway he could straight into him without turning his head.

He'll aggressively take advantage of every opportunity to concur his opponent.

But when it comes to dogs this breed – the American Pit Bull terrier this breed of dog was and is the dog that became the ultimate dog.

This dog is not a dog that will defending his children or his female mate - not easily – will backed in the corner defending his life and can't be ordered to do battle.

This dog's ... tail is up, there's joy in his heart and centered on going to concur whatever he face because they standing where he wants to stand.

Will fight because he is what he is – and that's what all he ever will be – no use try to change him.

To know is that the game American Pit-Bull terrier is an awesome emotionally stable, easy-going dog (you will never see any difference ... gameness difference ... just by observing this animal), this game dog is not human aggressive in the least ... but the game APBT will be dog aggressive and other animal aggressive by nature.

Also to know with no uncertain terms is that even a mediocre game APBT will be dog aggressive to the extend being a bull and terrier mix - come on! ... it is not nuclear since ... all dogs will be dog aggressive it's in their nature as dogs to be.

Dog aggression could also be sparked especially if socialized and taught to be. The APBT sosiolized properly **without teasing and or purposefully training** will by breed nature be human and family members friendly with a placid workable temperament- then be excellent with children and stunning as family dogs.

As working dog will also excel in any complete dog sport because they could be controlled by instruction and will be obedient to their masters to extent to please them.

Again - but with a difference – game – but aggressive the other dogs and animals my nature.

It is a fact that APBT's have an uncanny ability to size up potentially threatening situations correctly and self-decide if it is actually something to get agitated over.

This is directly related to their fearlessness, un-phasing ability and highly inelegance.

APBT's will excel in activities that require sustainable determination, that test their body's ability to endurance and with uncanny determination to concur to the extreme.

Even if you don't admit it - face facts, it is only the contest against other game dogs and as catch dogs that will test the basis for comparing the degree of gameness.

Gameness is multi-dimensional and the above sporting activities mentioned - do not stress all of these dimensions simultaneously to their extreme limits.

You could be an excellent athlete but if you do not finish or win you lose ... but if you give up ... you cur – if you fall and creep and go over the line on your belly – you game even if you were the last.

The prey drive in dogs (prey drive is not gameness)- in wild boar or other hunting is fast, furious and generally all over in a short time, compared with a game dog to game dog fighting contest that can last up to 2-3 +h or longer (read up about these long winded dogs in history).

The athletic ability, agility, explosive power, strength of bite hold and shake , smartness (inelegance) in bore hunting and or ferocious or unruly control purposes or as in any other active ability dog sport are of a higher priority here than gameness – it is natural enhanced APBT trait called prey dive .

Gameness really never has a chance to come into play in so brief encounters. The dog either will take the boar down or be killed long before the depth of gameness can make much of a difference or within minutes finish any show dog sport activity event without getting bitten - not even getting tired– these facts are beyond reasoning.

Several other breeds of dogs like American Bulldogs, Argentine Dogo's and Airedale Terriers etc. seem to be at least equally adapted and specifically bred for boar and ferocious and unruly animal control as catch dogs.

Then suffice to say - it does not make them as game as proven game in the APBT.

Then again, gameness, not to be compared with aggressiveness - **because** aggressiveness will only propel any dog into a fight or any contest but will only sustain it for the first few minutes – even if the Sire and Dam acts “aggressive” it no assurance.

Normally in the wild, the wild wolves , lions and wild dogs display aggression with bearing teeth and growling and maybe a few minutes of fighting for whatever reason , then one or both will back down - it's this nature's build in method that prevent some species like wolves, lions and wild dogs from extinction – this natural aggression is not gameness.

With the purpose bred “game APBT” they would never have backed down > one or both would be dead or seriously injured if the fight is not stopped and then might continue with the rest of the clan until one or all is dead.

Gameness on the other hand, will not necessarily make the dog fighting mad, but with no other way to go the game APBT dog when challenged will engage - continue to fight - never to give up – whatever the fight.

Until +- 30 - 50 years ago there were only a small handful or real

dedicated dog men and breeders who maintained this breed, and all of these breeders bred for gameness and with gameness (as breeders of game dogs have done for more than 150 years before) and every one of these old doggers game tested their dogs (performance breeding) in order to only choose the best of best to be bred with - the game APBT. Also and most important with the correct non-human aggression temperament and indispensable gentle qualities.

No dog could be fought - in the day - if it could not be safely handled by its owner in the pit contest.

During that time, you never heard of APBT's attacking people or kids. As a result of this careful selection in breeding and driven by the historical breeding practices, the real purebred game APBT dog is and will be an extremely easy going, human loving dog - not that APBT can't be socialized or specifically trained to be man bitters – **of course they can** – any dog could if that is what you want, and then the owner of such a dog will be then have to be responsible and accountable for having "created" such a human aggressive dog – the breeder have no input relating to "this" new owners created monster.

But be warned - a taught human aggressive APBT attack dog will be a tool a weapon and then be responsible and accountable.

There are many other breeds of dog out their specially bred and sought after **to be guard or attack dogs** but the APBT **was never meant to be one.**

Because this breed became immensely popular in the 1970 -1980's and later, lots of ignorant, inexperience people became fanciers and everybody wanted to have or breed them – people from all walks of life - and then also wanted to cash in as puppy peddlers and started breeding for human aggressive dogs, creating monster dogs - **a very different agenda**, breeding with proven selective aggressive dogs, even mix- breeding, teasing and inhumane treating of their dogs, and also with unscrupulous unregulated fighting, ignoring

the developed goals, conformation standards and most of all temperament and gameness of the many generations (200 years +) of selected gameness in breeding with this APBT breed – the criteria - best to best and gameness to gameness and correct conformation and temperament where thrown out of the window.

To know is to know is to know - the difference is between gameness and aggressiveness and to **realize** a champion dog is made never born - (this also true for the APBT in all contested dog sport disciplines).

Today gameness is still valued by “most” and more so by “real” APBT game dog keepers of the breed, who might never think of fighting their dogs.

Today you will still find a small handful of breeders, still breeding for the correct reasons and temperament for the breed sake.

This gameness and other traits are manifested in the **can do never give up attitude** of real APBT towards any type of challenge (most having such a dog will know) in any dog sport disciplines.

The APBT is a dog of choice ... if that's your goal ... in protecting their families against arm attackers, robbers, intruders (if trained to be so).

The gameness in an APBT has nothing to do with their outgoing lovable disposition towards people and the natural breed type aggression must not be confused with gameness – **this is because of, and not in spite of** their breed's history of selective breeding for gameness.

Today, only a few “real” APBT breeders (can) and strive to preserve this gameness trait - (the “Holy Grail”) in their choice of breeding dogs, and will only consider tested gameness to breed from (as the main ingredient) - tested and proven gameness in the pedigree or from dogs Imported with proven gameness or imported straws from a proven game bred stud or bitch dogs.

Many talk the talk but don’t walk the walk.

However, modern society and humane attitudes as well as the law dictate that we look to other ways to preserve the gameness trait of this breed – of this I’m sure many need to be convinced.

APBT dog breeders, keepers, owners, enthusiast and fanciers should unite in agreement, as to what can legally be done to preserve this most noble of breed before it will be too late and the true working APBT game dog is just a statistic and part of a proud history.

The historical proven criteria for selecting a APBT dog for breeding purposes – is actually breeding best to best or from best to best – and for this dogger tested gameness.

Dogs that are emotionally unstable -fearful / shy, that fear bite or show human aggression - are generally not game (normally never will be considered as breeding stock or bred with by game breeders) and rightly so should never be considered for breeding.

To find a “real” game APBT, (that’s if you appreciate the quality of gameness) you are generally better off getting one with proven game tested ancestry pedigree – for some the only option open today . Then these dogs will represent the truest examples of all the best qualities in this breed.

Today, you can be quite contented to know that just about any APBT, bred true to standard correct temperament and conformation (most important), with a proven registration history – even one with mediocre proven gameness (degree of gameness) as far as the proven gameness in the pedigree, is still going to be far more game, that is, far more courageous and determined to succeed against any challenge it may confront – than any other dog.

This is then the tendency by most fanciers today of having an APBT (not specifically game proven in the pedigree) for competitive show dog sport or having one for any other reason. Simply by the virtue of the fact being a purebred APBT, you can be confident that your dog is a part of the APBT game breed of dog.

Of course, not all APBT are equally game or could be a cur (decided to stop doing what they do because is not nice anymore).

Realize, that in every contest, there will be a winner and a loser – some APBT's are just better in gameness or abilities and drive than others or right out stronger.

It is the same as having a powerful vehicle and always just driving according the speed limit – then it will not mean your vehicle can't go into turbo when needed (it's in the makeup of your vehicles engine).

Gameness is totally something else – but the same - (it's in the makeup of the genes) and it is not only by observing your APBT cuteness, lovability, strength and socialized skills and animal aggression – these qualities and gameness are not related and yet some are.

My minister in our church "Allen Wilson" once said that beyond the end and before the beginning and all in-between you'd find God – Everything depends on your degree of faith.

Then also true if the APBT's pedigree is true and relating to gameness you will find a degree of gameness or might be surprised or not surprised if you see gameness in the offspring.

For some this is enough ... for others they are like the disciple Thomas – need proof and have to experience gameness - (put a finger in the nail wound) before their faith will convince them.

Gameness should be so important for every breeder of APBT, then only when all other aspects like ... proven bloodline, temperament, conformation and breeding standards and natural breed type aggression are intact – but today breeders can only (legally) breed with gameness in the pedigree and stay within the law.

It is important to understand the paradoxical truth - that the APBT is the family dog of choice **because of – and not in spite of** - their breed's history of selective breeding for gameness.

Oas Sept (my friend - Brussels) has said, "Gameness is not the willingness to pick up trouble but the ability to stay into the heat of a struggle without fear – this propelled by natural aggression.

When real game dog men talk gameness, it's all about: "get victory or lose trying - but never quit".

Gameness – "that inner quality" - is a canine virtue of no fear determination to master any situation, never back down out of fear – no fear - never.



"THE PRESERVATION OF THE GAME-BRED ANIMALS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED, EVEN IF THEY ARE TO FIGHT NO MORE. THEY ARE A PROUD GIFT FROM THE PAST, A GIFT THAT WE MAY NOT ALL BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE, A GIFT THAT MAY ONLY SPEAK TO THE HEARTS OF A FEW, BUT A GIFT ALL THE SAME. MAN AND DOG ALIKE, WE SHARE THE PAST TOGETHER, AND THE BOLD AND STURDY FIGHTING ANIMALS, THE DOG AND THE COCK, APPEAL TO THOSE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING OUR PAST. AND WHILE THE SPECTER OF A BULL BAIT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A THING WORTH PRESERVING, IT IS THE MATCHLESS COURAGE AND SHEER AMAZING HEART OF THE DOGS THAT WERE CAPABLE OF SUCH A FEAT THAT ARE WORTH SAVING. WHILE THERE ARE SEVERAL BREEDS OF RETRIEVERS, SHEEPDOGS, SLED DOGS, HOUNDS, AND POLICE DOGS, THERE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE DOG THAT COULD BRING A 2,000-POUND BULL TO ITS KNEES, OR FIGHT FOUR HOURS AGAINST AN EVENLY MATCHED OPPONENT. NO OTHER DOG WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE TASK APPOINTED TO THEM BY THEIR MASTER WHEN EXHAUSTED BEYOND ALL MEASURE, WITH BROKEN LIMBS, TORN FLESH, RUINED LUNGS. THIS IS THE LEGACY OF THE PIT BULL-THE DOG WITH THE MOST HEART."

- COLBY'S BOOK OF THE AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER

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