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## ***Why do you have an interest in in the APBT?***

*Key points taken by Mr. Farmer.*

If you ever going to answer this, you will know that when you truly have the answer it will be the day you realize you came to know a lot more about yourself.

This gameness in the APBT is that something else - that something the dogman to spend his life to seek for – that something special and different you yearn to have and see in your dogs – that something special what can and attract "some men and woman" to the real APBT.

The truth about "gameness" is the attraction for that "small hard-core element" that has been known - that yearning to want to know!

Also true, some people call these dogmen fanatics then also call them gamblers if money is wagered, but come on ... there are plenty of ways that offer faster action with lady luck than fighting bulldogs and with less hard work and less stress.

Then also true - you don't have to be a dog fighter to appreciate and covert that gameness - as evident by today's new APBT breed fancier who keeps these game dogs for a menu of various different reasons > only because they're "Pit Bulls" – only because they are awesome dogs to have – only because they stunning family dogs – only because they are above average intelligent, only because they are above average good watch dogs, only because they are true awesome athletes, only because they can if trained protect you and or your family with their life - only because they are stunning game working dogs and can compete in various dog sport disciplines - only because of their unreal workable temperament with us humans and only because their stunning predator like conformation ... all these things talk to you.

Of course every Pit Bull owner has admired the traits abilities and character – their unreal willingness to please, astonishing stamina, workable safe temperament and the biting power of a well-bred APBT.

This said - these qualities are also present in other breeds. Probably also true that Airedale bites harder than a Bulldogs.

It would be awfully hard to beat a Blue Tick hound for stamina; and just watch a German Shepard quartering a field trial if you want to see a beautiful exhibition of fluid motion.

But when it comes to single minded drive, persistence and indomitable will to be master, **nothing on earth compares to the American Pit bull terrier - nothing.**

Referring to the yesterday times in history - When a dog fighter had a dog "open to match", he only specified the **weight** *not the breed, bloodline, name of the dog, the breeder or the handler – it did not matter – **what did matter was evenly matched.***

Now, if a man could have won the money with any other breed of dog, you know he would've used that dog.

Over the year's – from the beginnings - man have developed this dog with some pretty impressive equipment, but without the gameness trait in them the dog is just another dog a pretty face. Realized in talking to some non-violent animal and specific dog lovers trying to describe “gameness” is impossible. It's like describing something you never seen or tasted – gameness - the essence of the APBT.

If you haven't experienced something just like it, words can't convey the thought.

Looking back in history when dogs were fought in the Pit ...

When an owner has conceded after a long hard battle in order to “save his dog”, he frequently asked for a courtesy scratch ....

### **Why?**

Just to prove the gameness of his dog - this is the test for gameness, even though his dog had lost the fight and realizing (beforehand knowing) there can only be one winner in any match.

To know will be this dog might still bravely make a good scratch

**because of gameness**, but if at the end of contest the dog lies down or fall down “out of hold”, not trying get back up - not still trying to win, then this dog wasn't as game as some, regardless of how well he fought or how many scratches he made.

Dogmen know - gameness is not the willingness to fight - it's not the courage to get killed by a better opponent - it's the will to never stop trying to win and concur - never to stop trying!

Nothing tests that will to win more than the instinct for self-preservation.

In the Pit Bull, we have one of the few examples of an animal whose will to live is consistently suppressed by his will to dominate and to rule whatever ground he's standing on.

Sociologists have told us for years that the primary instincts are for sex and survival.

Well let's take a look at man > How many men have died for their women?

Compared to the number who have died for their country?

As for survival - there are a lot of bodies lying in the fields, ditches, and forests of the world that belong to men that wouldn't run.

Of course we're not always that brave – but “some” in the heat of a battle just prove “gameness” stubbornly and willingly regardless of anything else.

In spite of that, I believe that every human being that walks the earth admires “this concept of gameness” when they do recognize it.

Some even seek it out.

We find it in sports that tests courage.

We find traces of it in race horses, racing pigeons, some types of wild animals, and to a great degree in gamecocks.

It has nothing to do with being a tough guy “who will fight at the drop of a hat” – aggression to explode is not gameness.

*What gameness will relate to is when you're getting whipped that you then will find out how game you are – see that in hand to hand combat is all its forms.*

The same is true of an APBT -you don't know how game he is until you've seen him in trouble.

It doesn't matter how he bristles when you walk another dog by his chain, or how quick he was to take hold of the neighbour's “dog” – this only indicates normal dog to dog aggression.

As a matter of fact, I don't believe that the overt aggressiveness of a dog is at all relevant or related to how game he is.

Many a dog could come from the bottom to win with no turns.

I would say that dog was reasonably game.

Yet we find the same game proven dog (it was not uncommon) romping and playing with cur dogs that strayed through the yard.

Many game, game dogs would not fight cur dogs.

On the other hand, many very game dogs were like kegs of dynamite.

They would explode when they saw anything with hair on it.

Some rank curs that would turn and run the minute they were topped, were the same way, and still others couldn't look a good Bulldog in the eye.

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.

Then 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 defending his children or his female mate - not 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 centred on going to whip the other dog 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.