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The name of the APBT.

The only breed that is an actual pit bull and worth of the name is the **American Pit Bull Terrier** also known as **APBT, Pit Bull, Yankee Terrier**, or to dogman and old school enthusiasts of old - **the Pit Bulldog**.

It's also the only breed with the word Pit Bull in its name.

What about the 20 or so other breeds that gets labelled with this now icky terrible term?

Here this Labrador over here is sporting a wedge shaped head and some visible muscles let's call him what he isn't.

The most common breeds glued with this persona are:

American Staffordshire terrier:

Derived from the American Pit Bull terrier in the around the 1920's this breed was officially recognized by the American Kennel Club in 1936.

The Amstaff underwent different breeding practices to breed away from the traits of Dog aggression and gameness for a more laid back dog that was larger in size.

It is no longer an APBT – (pit bull) and there are visible differences in both temperament and physical appearance.

This breed was bred for Conformation shows but that hasn't stopped owners/handlers from also competing some of them in the working field – and the tested them in the pits.

Staffordshire bull terrier:

This breed is sometimes called a 'pocket pit' or 'mini pit'.

The breed originated in the nineteenth century when coal miners in Staffordshire, England, wanted a small, fast dog.

They combined the Bulldog with a small local terrier similar to the Manchester terrier.

The result was the Staffordshire bull terrier that we know today. - Snagged that bit right there off of the AKC website.

American Bully:

In the 90's larger bullied dogs started happening, and this was the dawning of the American Bully breed.

Known for their variation in size and colour- these dogs are one of the most mislabelled breeds out there, the objective in creating them was larger size and colour.

Then also the purpose to breed away from gameness, dog aggression, athleticism.

A designer breed as one would like to call them they have no function like the working, hunting, herding breeds and most of all fighting breeds.

Easily recognizable for their large heads and usually always blue. Recognized by the ABKC and just recently also by the UKC.

The concern - falsely registered as APBT's within the United Kennel Club, many many American Bully and Amstaff puppies were tagged with papers stating they were APBT... Resulting in leading into what had many real APBT bull owners furious.

Then people ask where the blue in "todays" "pit bull's" come from ... from mutts and hanging papers.

The standard - One thing to understand is what a breed standard is, if you are breeding a dog that does not meet the standard then you either creating a walking monstrosity and in no uncertain terms a mix breed – a mutt or starting an entirely different breed in itself.

You or anyone **cannot** REWRITE the APBT's breed standard!

The standard for APBT calls for them to be lean, slender, athletic, weighing in from 16 – 36 kg - anything over is obese or mixed.

There have been some phenomenal fighting dogs and working dogs out there that maybe weight more, unconditioned.

To know is that bloodline could play a role of course.

The nose topic.

Blue nose, Red nose, black nose butterfly nose - they may have you thinking these are varieties or types of an APBT?

Let's say the dad had a blue nose and the mother a red and the puppy has a black what would you call it?

You'd call it what it is by its breed or if it's a mix a mutt.

If both the parents have red nose lather and some the pups black noses and some red noses, would the black nose pups be a red nose just because the parents have red noses?

Or called a red nose bloodline?

Of course not, the dog would be a dog with a black nose or with a red nose – the bloodline will not change this.

The colour of the nose doesn't matter.

Blue pits topic - in the Bull breed world this is one of those things that can stir a lot of pots!

Let's talk about these blue pits and or blue nose pit bulls and to be honest I shuddered when I wrote that.

American Pit Bull Terriers **are not blue**, while it can occur it's very few and far between a pup then identified as diluted black.

Genetically blue dogs are black and but more susceptible to skin problems.

This "colour" if you will ... occurs in American Staffordshire Terriers and it popped up in the American Bully because Amstaffs were used in the making - some Ambully breeders popped the Neapolitan Mastiff in the mix for that solid colour and for their massive size!

Aggression topic is also a contention relating to the APBT, pit mix, or bull breed types.

For real APBT's **dog aggression is common!**

People aggression **is not**, it's something that was never supposed to be in the APBT as fighting breed.

Dogmen would cull out a man-biter as they had to get in the pit hand and hand with these dogs, there have been a few champion fighting dogs who were known to possibly be man-biters, but that was not desired.

The real APBT dogs **are naturally not protection dogs or guard dogs**, they are fighting dogs.

APBT were bred for animal on animal combat, usually only fighting same sex.

That's why you can have a male that dislikes other males strongly but can to some extend live with a females and visa versus.

Dog fighting topic.

People can get all whiney over **whether dog fighting is a sport or not**, it is a sport defined by history.

It's a blood sport.

Sport (noun): an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others to be the best and this goes hand in hand as entertainment.

These days dog fighting is entirely different than what it used to be.

There was no bait dogs - that was not a way to test a dogs drive or gameness.

Fighting in the pit was where they tested gameness and to find the best.

Dogs were not forced to fight.

If the dog didn't scratch the dog didn't match and then it was over.

Now you have idiots taking pit mixes and bullies and throwing them in a ring, doing unbelievably cruel things to them when they do a badly or lose ... of course they are going to lose.

Dog fighting practices are illegal and like I said much different than back then.