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As first time APBT owner?

"The APBT is not everyone cup of tea" But worth your life living with one. MK

To ensure the best relationship with your APBT dog as choice of dog breed, you must be prepared for some important responsibilities and then first come to know all about this breed.

That it ... if you don't already know, then also most important to read all articles on my website ... www.pitbullsa.co.za.

Also see available pups and breeding's done on www.pitbullsa.co.za under "Breeding's & puppies available"

Some very important and straight talk about the "real" APBT" breed of dog and information most truthful & relevant information on this website.

Some breeders like to sugar-coat and whitewash the APBT – just to sell their puppies – here is the truth ... “the APBT is a genetically bred fighting dog – genetically bred for more than a 100 years to be catch dogs and because they have no tolerance for other dogs and animals with having no fear never give up attitude for overpowering any animals you put in their face ... especial other dogs ... then blessed with super abilities and traits just to do that.”

Know your commitment and then your responsibility and accountability owing such a dog.

Avoid impulse buys.

If you see them - the adorable APBT puppy is hard to resist –then knowing the conditioned APBT athlete is awesome and will captivate your mind, realize from the start you may be committing yourself for this dog breed that you know very little about.

An impulse buy at this or any other time could be the worst thing you could do when choosing a real APBT puppy or dog and then more so an APBT puppy or dog.

At Manjaro’s, and being an registered and committed APBT working game dog breeder, and having a deep soul passion for these dogs, I prefer if you first come & look and talk about “real APBT’s” – for you to be first hand be informed and observe my kennel and dogs , (visit any APBT kennel and yard setup first) - come learn about the good and bad points of this breed (but know the truth) and whether the “real” performing APBT would suit your lifestyle.

Never rush in and buy the first pup you see, waiting for the right pup is always the best way.

With the APBT you can select a purebred, performance and game bred breed, a fully breed registered dog with certified medical and health certification and therefore would expect the predictability, conformation, care requirements, temperament, drives, abilities and gameness they offer.

Knowing what the APBT puppy will look like and their expected behaviour as an adult, and this is only possible by really coming to know all about this breed and looking at the parents and immediate ancestors of the specific breeding, and realize the kind of care, leadership, management, socializing and training it will need as an adult ... this is a key in selecting a pup from this breed of dog. Know the breed and know the breeder and the breeding dogs nothing wrong with that.

If you have not – then first attend some APBT dog shows. Then, talk to as many breeders, competitors and proud APBT owner as you can – see these interactions in real life scenarios and if possible in the breeder or owners environment, house, yard and or kennel.

It should never be just about buying or selling puppies. The better informed you are about this breed, the easier it will be to find that dog that will give you the most happiness. We are still talking about the “pure bred APBT”.

Selecting a breeder.

Best to buy your puppy from a well-respected, known, knowledgeable breeder of real working game APBT dogs – and know precisely what this breeding goals are. This cannot be stressed enough.

A “real” APBT breeder concerned with the betterment of the breed in question is the best option for you.

Passionate breeders breeding “pure bred” registered healthy dogs with the appropriate typical APBT temperament, drives, traits and breed conformation – all within the accepted breed standards of the APBT as breed.

Realize the breeder you contact will also (should) be screening you as well and ask to know more about you, your family, your children and other animal or pets you might have, your living quarters environment, dog safe premises – these information ...

because the breeder are looking for the best home and ambassadors for each puppy and would gladly inform you about this breed, the breeding dogs, availability of any puppies and more and would gladly arrange with you to visit the kennel.

Make the decision of whether you would like a male or female and why - or ask about the pros and cons of having a male or female dog.

What will be your purpose of having a working dog like the APBT? - do you want to show your dog competitively, or having a house and family dog, a watch or guard or attack dog or what other interest you might have for getting and having the APBT?

Realize your new puppy will become a full-fledged member of your family for its lifetime 12 – 15 years – this then a specific pure bred breed, so you'll want or might also make a wise investment.

The purchase price of your puppy will not be the only cost you have to consider – first know that you pay for the quality – but at Manjaro's it will be at a most reasonable dogman's price for top quality.

Be aware that any puppy you bring home will need proper care, a fully balanced absorbable canine healthy nutritious diet, health care, (a puppy dog of +- 8 weeks of age will need Vet health follow vaccinations – regular worming and flea and tick control – then your input TLC, socialisation - prime time for exercise – play - and body conditioning.

The puppy will also need little things like a safe warm place of its own, collar, feed and water bowl, leash, safe toys and possibly will need microchipping on re registration.

Dog ownership involves responsibility and accountability.

Your dog will need daily TLC, adequate daily working dog exercise and lifelong healthcare needs.

This whether for preventive care or for unexpected accidents, injuries or illnesses that could happen at any time, regardless of how well you care for your dog.

Then think about your neighbours (sometimes we have the wrong neighbour when it comes to animals or pets – especially dogs that bark and then having even worse an APBT... that type of dog).

You must also be aware of your responsibilities to the public (in and outside your premises), all those who live in the area immediately around your residence and their neighbours in the broader sense of the community as a whole.

If it is an APBT your choice of breed might be the talk of the town, for all the pleasure or purpose they have, can be a nuisance to your neighbours if not trained and safely kept within the boundaries of your yard.

Excessive barking can be annoying and new noise legislation can land you with trouble with the law or local by laws.

Leash control.

Your APBT need to be on a leash in any or all circumstances outside your yard, it is not nuclear since ... just common sense – again know this breed is another dog and animal aggressive dog having high prey drive and naturally dog aggressive.

Realize individual dogs with aggressive temperaments cannot roam the streets or outdoors with other dogs or animals without you in control on leash control.

No law banning an entire breed are possible.

Owners with this breed type of dog – the “real” APBT - have to ensure these dogs – your dog - are kept in escape proof housing / kennel/yard or chain set up – if loose on leash control and if needed muzzled when outside the yard or ... when having visitors they don't agree with ... know or agree with.

I don't believe that any breed ... especially the APBT are dangerous based on their breed but you the owner should consider the individual behaviour -you will know that with no uncertain terms of your specific dog and then be responsible and accountable.

Obedience training for everyone.

You might have to consider obedience training for the dog - one way to make your dog a good neighbour.

A poorly behaved dog is a problem for everyone.

Nothing is more frustrating than attempting to control a dog that will not "come" or go or stop when you call.

A well trained and socialized dog is not only a pleasure to own, it is a goodwill ambassador for the entire canine community.

A well-behaved dog is the result of the dog's owner being willing to work with the dog regularly.

Obedience classes are country wide available - research to find what it entails.

Best to consider a comprehensive puppy sale contract with given guarantees and advice by the breeder.

Such an agreement can be helpful in stating the terms, or conditions of the sale.

Most reputable breeders should have a basic or comprehensive drafted sale agreement.

See Manjaro's puppy sale agreement or ask to be mailed.

Remember, when you buy a puppy, you are adding another member to your family.

Buying any puppy requires careful pre research and planning.

Adding a dog to the family is a long term commitment and responsibility that should be taken seriously and only acted upon after careful consideration and research. Gawie MK.