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The APBT have an aggressive trait.

Is it possible to breed out aggressiveness in a dog or a dog breed?

Aggressiveness in this context is not actually a trait, and therefore cannot be bred in or out of a dog.

Stubbornness, independence, protectiveness; these are all traits that many dog breeds have that lead them to have aggression.

But these character traits do not guarantee aggression, either. They are simply risk factors **for** aggression.

Aggression is very similar in people as it is in dogs. It is a condition not entirely determined by genetics, but with genetic factors and predispositions, that is also very heavily influenced by environment and upbringing.

No dog (and no human for that matter) is born aggressive. They become aggressive because of how they are socialized, how they are interacted with, and how they are trained.

You could indeed try to breed out certain traits that can lower the chance of aggression in a dog, but you cannot completely wipe it out in any breed. Even some Golden Retrievers, who are specifically bred to be loving, relaxed, and friendly, can end up with aggression (probably from heavy abuse and bad socialization).

So no, unfortunately, we cannot 100% wipe out aggression in any breed, because environment and social interactions also have a hand in aggression.

On the subject of Pit Bulls in specific, the above question is fundamentally flawed, because Pit Bulls are not born aggressive, like all dogs.

In fact, the traits that predispose a dog to being aggressive are very rarely found in well-adjusted, properly cared for Pit Bulls.

A Pit Bull's natural predisposition is to be friendly, energetic, playful, and caring.

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