

Sensible solutions for dangerous dogs.

2. Preventative strategies for dog attacks in relation to BSL.

Walking your dog outside your yard in public places.

Responsible owners (with common sense) will not walk their APBT Bulldog in public and more so in the streets, especially your bad-tempered dog (you will know that with no uncertain terms).

If you need to walk the dog outside your yard be sensible and choose a safe outdoor place and walk the dog where your dog cannot cause any problem for others ... humans or animals.

About BSL.

Know that >>> no law or ordinance banning an entire dog breed is possible.

I do not believe that any one breed – especially the APBT Bulldog breed are dangerous based only on their breed.

This said >>> each dog owner should consider that an individual dogs' behavior ... especially classified as or perceived as a “dangerous breed” - could be - and are a serious problem that require a serious and effective long-term solution (starting with you).

Unfortunately, the reaction of crossbreed and perceived or known and declared dangerous dogs - municipal ordinances and by laws was introduced as legislation to restrict the ownership and movement of such and dangerous dogs and, in some jurisdictions with specific local formulated bylaws, to either ban or place severe restrictions on the ownership and free breeding of such dogs through the introduction of breed-specific legislation (BSL) protocol.

Don't get me wrong – it is happening already in some Municipalities in South Africa.

Then know this >>> as you know, you won't be able to fart against thunder if your dog is involved in any mauling ... human or animal, you will be held accountable and responsible – might also lose your dog – usually do.

And it will be another black mark against the APBT Bulldog breed – newspaper headings with false propaganda - no matter the circumstances.

If interested in this subject (and all owners of APBT Bulldogs should be) – know that the following information was formulated “over time” –

from worldwide research - by law making officials, municipalities and the SPCA ... all angles were systematically considered relating to dog owners keeping perceived to be and “dangerous dogs”.

There is widespread agreement that a dog’s individual tendency to bite depends on at least five interacting factors.

1. Early experience - opportunities (owners’ input).
2. Socialization and specific training or the lack thereof or specifically trained, teased, or abused ... to be ... by the owner, or allowed to be just that -by the owner.
3. Realizing “some breeds” heredity and genetic tendencies.
4. The health of the dog.
5. Behavior of the victim (very important to consider).

To be successful, any preventative strategy needs to address all these factors, as well as provide mechanisms and funded opportunities for dog owners -offered by Government and or local Municipalities to protect the community out there as a whole - humans and animals alike.

Also, to provide expert officials to control all roaming dogs – taken off the streets in all municipal areas (villages included) - to the SPCA - (a needed worthwhile project and then will also address the unemployment situation in South Africa and elsewhere - **MK**)

The RSPCA worldwide believes that a prevention strategy for dog attacks must contain the following key elements.

Registration of all dogs.

Identity display – collar tags – dogs name license registration and owner’s telephone.

Within some dog communities, breeder’s registry affiliations and for specific dogs shows identification.

Compulsory micro chipping for all dogs.

Municipal control of unrestrained and free-roaming animals.

Provisions for the authority’s control of menacing dogs.

Neutering or spading of non-breeding dogs.

{See comprehensive discussions and valued information in this regard www.pitbullsa.co.za – Chapter 3.29 a-n.}

Government and municipalities education of dog owners, breeders, the public, and particularly children, in dog behaviour and bite prevention (in schools as well **MK**)

On-hands socialization with people and other animals.

What is required is a renewed effort on the part of governments and local authorities, at both the state and local level, to implement further

measures to encourage and enforce responsible dog ownership >>>
To reduce the risk of dog attacks and accountability of dog owners
and to enforce existing dog control legislation based on the actions of
individual dogs and individual owners, **then not on the basis of
breed.**

That's it – Gawie Manjaro – MK.

