



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME: ABBIE KNUDSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI COALITION OF ANIMAL CARE ORGANIZATIONS		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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The Missouri Coalition of Animal Care Organizations is asking you to vote in support on HB 1588 and 1657 to prevent breed specific legislation in Missouri. Breed bans can result in the forceful separation of dogs from their loving families and are not supported by any scientific evidence. Worst case scenario, a dog may even lose it's life because it is believed to be of a certain breed.



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WITNESS NAME: ALLISHA ECKERT		PHONE NUMBER: 816-294-2197	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FUREVER HOME PET SITTING, ETC.		TITLE: OWNER	
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Hi my name is Allisha Eckert. I own Furever Home Pet Sitting, Etc. Besides having at least a fourth of my clients maybe considered to have "Pitbull" characteristics, I've worked and volunteered in several rescues and shelters in the last 20 years. Looking back, there have been very few times that I ever feared a dog that might be a "Pitbull" type. Our local city, Chillicothe, MO, is currently looking at removing our breed ban because the citizens have spoke that they believe these laws do not protect the public. There is no record here or in any other cities surrounding that can prove that these bans have increased public safety. In fact if I had to guess, even though we have the ban, there are numerous dogs within the city that may be considered to have "Pitbull" type characteristics. Especially since most of my clients are within city limits and a fourth could be put in our local ban of no "Pitbull" type characteristics allowed. Vicious dog laws are what work. If a city actually enforced these breed bans, then what next? We remove the next breed that has the highest amount of bites. Doesn't make any sense. I encourage you to do what protects citizens. Breed bans actually do opposite. These breeds are hidden until someone gets bit or another animal does. No socialization, vetting or general care can do that to any dog. That what happens when breeds are banned. They go into hiding until they are not. Please consider having cities take responsibility by removing the bans. This will make cities responsible for what really makes their citizens safe.



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WITNESS NAME: AMY NASH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ANDY BRISCOE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-248-9136	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
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WITNESS NAME: ANDY MORRIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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Missouri residents should be FREE to own any breed of dog. Breed specific laws are racist, dogs like people should be judged by the content of their character.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I Support this Legislation on its Face.			



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA HERZOG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I would like to state that bad dogs are a reflection of bad owners not dog breeds. As an example, pit bulls were known as "nanny dogs" because of their excellence with people and children. I strongly urge you to overturn the bans on breeds. Respectfully, Barbara Herzog



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WITNESS NAME: BETH SATTLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please support these bills. Breed bans are old fashioned and unfair. Punish the humans that make bad dogs. Please pass these bills. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: BILL LONG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: BOBBIE JO CONNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Hi my name is Bobbie Conner. I support and pray that everyone else will as well, the bills to ban breed specific bands. All it does is allow the different agencies to come in and take dogs who are loved and very good dogs. Most shelters are over crowded and some have a very high rate. That's so sad. Dogs being ripped from loving homes, scared, not understanding what they did wrong. When they did nothing wrong it's just uninformed or misinformed or what a pit bull really is. We need to punish the people who do bad things with these dogs not the breed of the dog. The dog did not ask for any of that abuse and in the end all they want is love. Where we live we are not allowed pit bulls. My son hides his two dogs. On warm spring days they can't lay in our fenced in back yard and roll in the grass or play fetch with their balls. And it's so sad and my son fears the day Animal control sees them cause they will take them no questions asked. And my son will be devastated. I really hope everyone sees the light and sees the truth. And does what's right in the name of dogs everywhere.



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WITNESS NAME: BRANDIE COLBERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Breed restrictions do not allow families to pick the best fit for their families. There are no bad breeds of a dog, it comes down to training, family life, and treatment of the dog. Missouri should not be able to limit my choices regarding a dog breed that I am training, caring for, and loving as a part of my family.



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WITNESS NAME: BRENT TOELLNER		PHONE NUMBER: 816-665-4719	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY		TITLE: SR DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PROGRESS	
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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN D MORSE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support ending breed-specific dog bans in Missouri. - Recent science shows that breed specific bans do not make people safer. - Our animal shelters are packed with dogs who cannot legally be adopted in my city of Independence. This hurts the animals, the people who want to adopt them, and it creates needless financial burden on the shelters. Please support HB 1588. I believe that it is the right thing to do morally, philosophically, and financially. Thank you. Brian Morse



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Lift the ban .			



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTY CARTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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We are taught at an early age to love our neighbors and treat each other with respect regardless of how they look, how much money they have or don't have, whether they walk or talk funny, who their parents are, etc. But we don't extend the same to animals. People think it's okay to look at a puppy who looks a certain way and decide to kill it because they had a run in once with a dog that looked like that one. This puppy did nothing but now it has to die because it shares the same breed as something that did. I have to admit I was once upon a time one of those people. A neighbors dog that happened to be a pitbull attacked and nearly killed my tiny pomeranian Cocoa. He ended up staying at an emergency vet for a week with a punctured lung and several open wounds on his belly. If my dog hadn't spun in circles and had a ton of fur he would have died that day in front of me and my four year old son. I hated pitbulls for several years after that and bought into the hype surrounding them. How they were bloodthirsty, had brains that outgrew their skull and they snapped, had jaws that locked, could snap unprovoked at any time, etc. Until my best friend found a pitbull puppy abandoned in a foreclosed home. That dog was the sweetest baby irregardless of what had been done to her. Then my mom adopted a set of siblings from a local rescue and though protective of her were the sweetest animals. Then I rescued my own. These puppies were no different than any other of my dogs. They wanted love and wanted to give love to everyone and everything. They have their quirks and personalities and make me laugh every day. They look to me to protect them and to be their voice. They have never done anything wrong except pee on my rugs. They live with and love 2 bunnies, 3 rats, 2 hamsters, 3 adult cats, and 3 orphaned kittens. They love each other, love their mom and dad, and their human siblings. Yet if someone comes in from the city they live in they could legally be taken from their home, and the people who love them so very much and could be killed solely based on the fact they have pitbull blood in their veins. That to be is abhorrent. They haven't done anything to deserve it. Discrimination at its finest. Disregard the fact these animals have been tested many many times and have one of the top temperaments of any breed. Bite statistics are not accurate and do not show the full picture. These animals are by far the most abused, neglected, and tortured of all the breeds. A large portion of criminals, gang members, drug dealers, etc own these dogs and train them to be mean and if they aren't mean enough they kill them. These people neglect and torture these animals, take their food away until they are desperate, abuse them until they have no way out and give up all hope, and create monsters. Even then those dogs aren't the ones to blame. Humans across the world are the #1 most dangerous animal and it should be the ones who think hurting a helpless animal is okay that should be held responsible. Not a single breed of dog. Until we start holding irresponsible and cruel owners responsible for this evil nothing will ever change. Put blame where it needs to be. On humans not innocent babies who just happened to be born to the "wrong" set of parents and are swimming in the "wrong" gene pool.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRYSTAL CRIBBS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am very frustrated to know that in the year 2022 we are still fighting prejudice. Not only with humans but with dogs as well. Many people are misinformed or afraid of certain breeds of dog simply because they are not educated or have knowledge beyond what they've seen on the news. But good dogs don't get on the news as much. If we should ban breeds of dog then should we also ban white kids from schools since they seem to be more likely to shoot up the place? No. That makes no sense either. Lift the ban so we can start focusing on the real problem here. Bad dog owners. And educating the public more on responsibility.



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY MARSHALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I was a volunteer at the Independence, MO animal shelter for 7 years. I watched families torn apart because they couldn't get their dog back because of the breed ban. I've seen the same dog labeled as an acceptable breed by one animal control officer and then labeled as a banned breed by a different animal control officer. I've seen animal control not accept the breed as determined by a veterinarian. I am a member of the Jackson County Animal Welfare Committee, which oversees the Regional Animal Shelter in Independence, MO. I was on the subcommittee that looked into the breed ban in Independence. After doing their due diligence, reviewing the scientific data, and holding a public meeting to hear from the residences, the committee recommended that the breed ban in Independence be repealed. The mayor thanked the committee and nothing has been done to repeal the ban. The subcommittee was formed at the request of the mayor of Independence. I am in full support of HB 1588. Sincerely, Cindy Marshall



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WITNESS NAME: CODY ATKINSON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-590-0026	
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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA RINGKAMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Breed bans and restrictions force dogs out of homes and into shelters and are not founded on science or credible data, but on myths and misinformation surrounding different breeds. Breed bans take away a family's right to decide what dog is best for them in their own home and Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) could doom any pit bull type dog to automatic euthanasia. There is no reason to have breed bans. Dogs that have issues are usually because their owners have not socialized or trained them. Breed does not matter.



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WITNESS NAME: DARRELL SWOFFORD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I understand and appreciate local governments wanting to protect their citizens from vicious dogs. That's responsible and logical. Unfortunately, too many local governments pass vicious dog ordinances, orders, policies, or regulations that are breed-specific, doing so as a knee jerk reaction without regard to the body of knowledge or experience among canine experts, including dog behaviorists and veterinarians. I am a 77-year-old retired chiropractic physician, medical-legal consulting business owner, Marine Corps veteran, and husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. It's been my pleasure to have dogs in my "family" for most of the years of my life, ranging from a 4-pound Teacup Poodle to a 155-lb Rottweiler. Along with them I've had German Shepherds, Doberman Pinscher-Rottweiler mix, Pit Bull-Boxer mix, Black Lab, Rottweilers, and Shepherd-Husky mix. Many of those breeds would be on the outlaw list of breed-specific ordinances, yet the only dog that has even come close to biting me was the Teacup Poodle and I was probably more at fault for the attempted bite than the pup. My point, while not an expert I have had decades of exposure to and experience with lots of dogs of breeds that are held in contempt by breed-specific ordinances, yet I've known them to show only love and affection to me and all people meeting them. There is no evidence that breed-specific laws make communities safer for people. The focus of efforts to make communities safer should not be on certain breeds, but on the passage and effective enforcement of laws and ordinances that have the best chances to bring about a safe coexistence between people and dogs, such as: leash laws, anti-animal fighting laws, anti-tethering laws, laws that require all owners to control their dogs regardless of breed, dangerous dog laws that are breed-neutral and focus on the behavior of the individual owner and dog, graduated penalties and options for dogs found to be dangerous, and laws that hold dog owners financially accountable for failure to adhere to animal control laws. Such laws as these would affect all vicious dogs without discriminating against and doing harm to dogs of certain breeds and the humans who love them. That's only fair. Please support HB 1588 and HB 1657. Thank you for considering my thoughts and opinions



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Unfounded discrimination against such breeds. Bans on specific breeds should be overturned.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBBIE LEE HARDISON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please support Bill HB 1588 as proposed but reject the amendments! Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH STEPHENSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Banning or restricting specific dog breeds--particularly "pit bull" breeds and mixes--is wrong on many levels and does not truly address any of the problems it seeks to solve. Over the last 30 years, I have personally welcomed into my family several pit bull mixes as well as many other rescues dogs of all sorts of breeds--purebreds and mongrels alike--and I honestly think my pitties were the most loving and gentle of the bunch! (My little Boston Terrier is more trouble than the 150 lb. Pit Bull/Great Dane mix ever was!) Even the American Veterinary Medical Association says ... "The issue of dangerous dogs, dog bites and public safety is a complex one. Any dog can bite, regardless of its breed. It is the dog's individual history, behavior, general size, number of dogs involved, and the vulnerability of the person bitten that determines the likelihood of biting and whether a dog will cause a serious bite injury. Breed-specific bans are a simplistic answer to a far more complex social problem, and they have the potential to divert attention and resources from more effective approaches." Please take the advice of the experts and overturn this ban of specific breeds. It is unfair both to the dogs and to their responsible owners to make blanket laws like this rather than target individual offenders. No other law makes everyone criminally responsible for the bad behavior of the few.



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The time for us to start punishing irresponsible dog owners and stop punishing dog breeds is long overdue. Have pits attacked people? Absolutely, but can anyone explain why we average a so-called "dangerous dog" breed every decade since as far back as the 70s? It was Dobermans in the 70s, German Shepherds in the 80s, Rottweilers in the 90s and pits in the 2000s. Those who want to train dogs to be mean, vicious, aggressive or whatever adjective you want to use will always find other breeds and quite honestly, breed specific legislation only encourages these people; This is the equivalent of wanting to ban certain types of guns rather than preventing certain people from obtaining them.



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While I support this bill, I support it as written only. I would strongly oppose any amendments or other alterations to this bill that might attempt to legislate mandatory spay/neuter. Mandating sterilization of dogs and bitches would harm responsible breeders and pet owners. The maintenance of purebred dogs is important.



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I would ask that the house consider passing both HB1588 and HB1657 concerning Breed Specific Legislation. In my home town of Independence, Missouri, we have a ban on Pit Bull and any portion of Pit Bull mix dogs. No matter how small the percentage of Pit Bull the dog may have, no resident is allowed to own the dog or rescue this type of dog from the local shelter. This ban was put in to effect 16 years ago due to one unfortunate incident involving Pit Bulls and the irresponsible actions of the owners. The city already has a dangerous dog ordinance in place. I volunteer at the city animal shelter and it is so sad to see these dogs living alone day to day in small cages because they cannot be adopted by local residents. It is time that people realize that the problem with "any dog" is because of the actions of the owner. Any dog can be taught to be vicious by irresponsible owners. As well, any dog can also be taught to be loving and caring. I think 16 years of punishment to these dogs and the harsh injustice of Breed Specific Legislation needs to be done away with.



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Ladies and Gentlemen, 22 states have already passed legislation that prevents communities from enacting redundant and ineffective breed-specific legislation, while still empowering them to create comprehensive dangerous dog ordinances. Comprehensive dangerous dog ordinances cover all dangerous dogs, regardless of breed. Breed-specific legislation adds an additional, discriminatory level of regulation that restricts the freedom of citizens to choose what type of dog they own. Such legislation has been proven to be ineffective at multiple levels. Because of this, the American Bar Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the National Animal Control and Care Association, the National Canine Research Council, and many other major accredited organizations conclude that dangerous dog ordinances WITHOUT additional, burdensome breed-specific regulation are the path to improved public safety and resource utilization. Breed-specific legislation does not reduce dog bites or increase safety, but compliance to it encroaches on individual rights and often increases the cost to taxpayers. While there's sufficient and significant evidence that breed-specific legislation does not work, there is no evidence that it does. Thankfully, we now have many years worth of evidence and experience regarding breed-specific legislation compared to all-encompassing dangerous dog ordinances. The evidence from communities is conclusive: there are no improvements in public safety after having instituted additional breed-specific legislation as all dogs, pitbulls included, are covered under dangerous dog ordinances. Because of the facts, and based on recommendations from the American Bar Association, the CDC, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the many other leading organizations, I encourage you to vote in favor of preventing villages, towns, and cities from regulating dogs in a breed-specific manner.



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I think that any dog breed should be allowed anywhere!!!. It's not the dogs fault that the owner wanted to make them that way. There are just trying to be good boys and girls and listen to their owner



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I have been in rescue for 13 years and have seen endless numbers of wonderful happy and friendly bullies and bully mixes, often mislabeled, put down only because they are labeled as a bully. BSL is outdated and ineffective legislation and must end. In my own community, where BSL has been in effect for 16 years, we have more bullies than ever before, with the numbers growing. BSL does not work. All communities need a dangerous dog ordinance to control dangerous dogs. No breed is all bad or dangerous. Their upbringing with humans is what determines the behavior of most all dogs, any breed. Please end this poor legislation in our state and give all dogs the opportunity for a long and happy life. Thank you!



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Hello,I don't believe in Breed specific laws and have listed many reasons why below:1. A 2018 Mason Dixon poll revealed that 67% of Missouri voters don't think the government should have the right to impose a ban on certain breeds of dog. Independence's dog breed ban is clear government overreach, and it's clearly not something the public wants.2. Breed bans and restrictions force dogs out of homes and into shelters3. Not founded on science or credible data, but on myths and misinformation surrounding different breeds4. Breed bans take away a family's right to decide what dog is best for them in their own home5. Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) could doom any pit bull type dog to automatic euthanasia6. Please vote YES on H.B. 1588 and H.B. 1657 to end dog breed bans in MissouriAre breed-specific laws effective?1. Breed-specific laws simply do not work. The stated purpose of BSL is to reduce dog bites and attacks, and while many municipalities have passed these laws, there is no statistical evidence that they make communities safer for people or companion animals. In fact, they often make matters worse:a. Example: In Florissant, Mo. between 2005, when its breed-specific ban went into effect, and 2015, two years before the ban was repealed, reported dog bites doubled despite a decline in the city's population.2. Every dog is unique, even dogs within the same breed. Treating dogs as individuals, providing them with the care, training and supervision they require, and judging them by their behavior and not by their physical appearance is the most effective way to ensure that dogs and people can continue to share safe and happy lives together.3. Experts from around the country – including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Bar Association, the National Canine Research Council, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and many more – have fairly and impartially determined that BSL simply does not work:a. The CDC strongly opposes breed-specific legislation, citing the difficulty in identifying dog breeds and the inaccuracy of dog bite data. The average person cannot accurately identify a pit bull-type dog – even law enforcement and canine experts may have difficulties identifying mixed-breed dogs.b. The American Veterinary Medical Association opposes breed specific legislation as ineffectual and likely to divert attention and resources away from more effective strategies.Thank you for your consideration in this matter.Sincerely,Hans Gilgen



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I'm not a fan of Pit Bulls, but I know of many that made wonderful family companions. When a town near me Banned Pit Bulls because of Emotion over Science. They also banned any dogs that someone thought might be or look like a pit bull. Some bulldogs look like pit bulls to people. I raise bulldogs and they are the most wonderful tempered dogs ever. It's just unfair to a family or great dog to be put in an "unwanted Box" just because of their breed, and not their up bringing. Any dog can attack and hurt or kill any living thing. It's another way to start the process of getting rid of dogs. If we actually want to be Humane about it all, let's give each dog a chance, and hold the owners responsible.



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I support overturning the ban on certain dog breeds.			



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The American Kennel Club (AKC) writes on behalf of our 127 affiliated dog clubs in Missouri, as well as the thousands responsible dog owners in the state, to urge you to support House Bills 1558 and 1657, which prohibit breed-specific dog laws. We encourage Missouri to join 19 other states that have protected the rights of responsible dog owners while also ensuring community safety with breed-neutral animal control policies. The mission of the American Kennel Club is to advocate for dogs as family companions, to advance canine health and wellbeing, to protect the rights of all dog owners, and to educate the public about responsible dog ownership. We believe that all dog owners should be held accountable for the actions of their pets, regardless of the breed they own. For this reason, we support laws that establish a fair process by which individual dogs (regardless of breed) are identified as “dangerous” based on stated, measurable actions and laws that impose appropriate penalties on owners of these dogs. Such laws effectively protect both the safety of the community and the rights of responsible dog owners. By contrast, breed-specific laws have been proven ineffective throughout the United States and around the world. Breed bans and other breed-specific laws fail to address the underlying cause of dangerous dog issues – irresponsible ownership – and force animal control officers to spend valuable time trying to identify dog breeds, rather than focusing on true animal problems in the community. They also arbitrarily punish law-abiding dog owners simply because of the breed of dog they own. In addition, breed-specific laws commonly force responsible owners to surrender a well-behaved pet to a shelter, where the dog must be cared for or euthanized at taxpayer expense. House Bills 1588 and 1657 recognize these pitfalls and ensures that communities will devote their resources to addressing the real problems of irresponsible owners and dogs that are truly dangerous, regardless of their breed. Not only have dog ownership and exhibition have had a tremendous impact on the Missouri economy, they also promote and encourage responsible dog ownership and breeding. In 2019 alone, over 750 AKC dog events were held in the state with over 81,700 dogs from across the United States participating. These events generate significant revenue for local businesses through venue rental, dining, lodging, and many other items. Supporting these bills protects the rights of responsible dog owners and sends the message that they – and other lucrative dog events – are welcome in local Missouri communities. We respectfully ask you to support House Bills 1588 and 1657, and welcome the opportunity to work with the State of Missouri to develop public education programs that teach about responsible dog ownership and safety, regardless of breed.



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Breed bans just overload shelters with dogs like pit bulls that would be perfect for families. It should be up to the family to decide which dog breed best suits them.



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Additional points :: There is no clear evidence that shows specific breeds are more dangerous than others A dog's behavior is often a reflection of how it is raised and the conditions in which it is kept, not it's breed Ordinances should not discriminate against breeds, but instead focus on dogs that engage in unprovoked dangerous behaviors The methods used to identify dog breeds are highly subjective, and often incorrect Separating dogs from their owners and homes is wrong It is extremely costly to enforce these ordinances Shelters are overwhelmed by good natured and affectionate dogs who have to be separated from their homes and owners because of these ordinances and that stretches already constrained resources even thinner It places an unnecessary and burdensome task upon law enforcement officials



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I am a professional talk trainer, and a license rescue here in the state of Missouri breed bias are absolutely ridiculous and most of the time I work aggression cases that have nothing to do with bully make breeds there often time full bread dogs German Shepards, shnouszers ,and this is really in adequate legislation socialization and proper upbringing is the only thing that should matter within aggressive ideals we need to better legislation on animal RIGHTS , tools used in un regulated dog training choke, shock, prong , ect these things make aggression in dogs not breeds we HUMANS ARE THE ISSUE IVE NEVER MET A BAD DOG JUST BAD HUMANS



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Im an online streamer, who also is a certified in animal behavior as well as K9 training. Im typing this statement today in support of these pieces of legislation in hopes to show the legislators there are people who care that cant be in the room today. People who will use all their online power to put pressure that these bills are supported by our governing bodies. All dogs deserve the right to be treated with the respect and dignity they often show us just for walking into a room. And the data shows that breed specific legislation only harms our four legged friends who cant speak for themselves. Please, today support saving dogs lives, support the dogs who may not of been lucky enough to of been born in decent loving environments but can still be the most faithful companions and protectors to future families. Do the right thing and defend the lives that are here on this planet, wagging their tails happily in defiance of those who seek to end their lives. Save all the dogs that the people of this state are in support of, or we'll say it again at the voting booth. Votes have consequences not just for careers, but for lives.



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Breed bans and restrictions force dogs out of homes and into shelters. I adopted a pit bull from a local shelter 2 years ago and she is hands down the best dog I have ever had. Breed bans on pits put many in shelters for euthanasia and more out on the streets when they all deserve the love and respect other breeds get.



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Pitbulls are good dogs.			



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Thank you for submitting this bill. I support it, however, PLEASE do NOT support any AMENDMENTS to it. As an internationally known behaviorist said - "There are NO BAD DOGS - only irresponsible owners." I agree with her. It is not the breed of dog that causes the problems, it is the lack of knowledge or training of the irresponsible breeders and/or owners that create the crisis behaviors we sometimes see in working breeds (herding, guarding breeds). Owner's lack of experience and/or training creates "problem dogs." Repudiable breeders will not sell to "just anybody." They mentor, and are available for the people to whom they sell their dogs - for that dog's entire life - for nutritional advice, behavioral issues and training, etc. It is the people who fancy themselves as breeders to make a quick buck, who end up with dogs that get loose from new owners, or dumped on the streets or in the country. Among other things, a responsible breeder, takes time and considers his/her market before initiating a breeding. Laws for general public who can own, and responsibilities are what are needed rather than restricting responsible breeders. Again, thank you for the original bill.



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Dogs aren't inherently bad based on their breed. Please allow dog owners to have any type of dogs they want. There are many dogs in shelters that can't be adopted because of restrictions on their breeds that would make wonderful pets.



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1. A 2018 Mason Dixon poll revealed that 67% of Missouri voters don't think the government should have the right to impose a ban on certain breeds of dog. Independence's dog breed ban is clear government overreach, and it's clearly not something the public wants. 2. Breed bans and restrictions force dogs out of homes and into shelters. 3. Not founded on science or credible data, but on myths and misinformation surrounding different breeds. 4. Breed bans take away a family's right to decide what dog is best for them in their own home. 5. Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) could doom any pit bull type dog to automatic euthanasia. 6. Please vote YES on H.B. 1588 and H.B. 1657 to end dog breed bans in Missouri.

Are breed-specific laws effective?

1. Breed-specific laws simply do not work. The stated purpose of BSL is to reduce dog bites and attacks, and while many municipalities have passed these laws, there is no statistical evidence that they make communities safer for people or companion animals. In fact, they often make matters worse:

a. Example: In Florissant, Mo. between 2005, when its breed-specific ban went into effect, and 2015, two years before the ban was repealed, reported dog bites doubled despite a decline in the city's population.

2. Every dog is unique, even dogs within the same breed. Treating dogs as individuals, providing them with the care, training and supervision they require, and judging them by their behavior and not by their physical appearance is the most effective way to ensure that dogs and people can continue to share safe and happy lives together.

3. Experts from around the country – including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Bar Association, the National Canine Research Council, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and many more – have fairly and impartially determined that BSL simply does not work:

a. The CDC strongly opposes breed-specific legislation, citing the difficulty in identifying dog breeds and the inaccuracy of dog bite data. The average person cannot accurately identify a pit bull-type dog – even law enforcement and canine experts may have difficulties identifying mixed-breed dogs.

b. The American Veterinary Medical Association opposes breed specific legislation as ineffectual and likely to divert attention and resources away from more effective strategies.



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Chairman Falkner and Members of the Committee, Kansas City Pet Project, is a 501c3, nonprofit charitable organization operating the Kansas City, Missouri Animal Shelter. We are the contracted agency enforcing the city code of ordinances for animals and caring for all impounded animals in Kansas City. KC Pet Project supports HB1588/HB1657, which continues to give local governments and enforcement agencies like ours the authority to regulate dogs within their jurisdiction, so long as the ordinance or policy is not specific to the breed of dog. We work to increase the number of homeless pets adopted, enhance public safety, and focus on lifesaving programs promoting pet retention. In 2021, KC Pet Project cared for 6,567 dogs (with total intake of 14,593 animals), making it the largest animal shelter in the Greater Kansas City Metro area. As Kansas City's only open-access municipal shelter, we serve the highest population of animals in the area, and we also have the highest adoption rate. KC Pet Project sees first-hand the greatest negative impact that local breed-specific ordinances and policies have on the shelter, animal control, and residents. American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, and mixes of all these breeds are the most frequently banned dog in communities in Missouri, but also one of the most popular breeds in the country. As such, in 2021, more than 30% (1,970) of KC Pet Project's annual dog intakes were breeds that are either restricted in Kansas City, where a mandatory spay/neuter law is in effect, or banned in several of the surrounding communities in the greater metro area. The safest way to house and handle dogs in our shelter is to observe the dog's behavior. Once in our shelter, we take a behavior-based approach to assessing which animals are suitable for adoption and which animals should not, responsibly, be placed in the community. All dogs are held to the same behavior standards, regardless of breed or appearance. This approach keeps staff and volunteers safe, and allows our staff to look at each individual animal's behavior from an objective perspective, with successful placements in new homes as our primary goal. For the last 8 years, KC Pet Project has conducted a dog-to-dog playgroup program to facilitate enrichment to the dogs at the shelter. In 2021, an average of 106 dogs participated in canine playgroups every day, with thousands of dog-to-dog interactions occurring annually with more than 6,000 individual dogs each year. The canine playgroup program easily dispels the myth that certain breeds are more dangerous; all dogs interact with a variety of other dogs as well as diverse groups of staff and volunteers daily with few or no incidents. Over the past ten years, our staff and volunteers have interacted with more than 57,000 dogs that have come through our shelter and we find no significant correlation between the way a dog looks and its propensity to be safe in a community. Further, it is incredibly difficult for our staff to define the predominant breed of a mixed breed dog, so it is illogical for our organization to use breed as a factor for safety and policy decisions. Our shelter takes in an exponential number of dogs that are banned breeds because families are moving from a city where their dog is allowed to a city where their dog is banned, and they cannot take

their dog with them. The dog who otherwise had a good home is then in our shelter, expending organizational and tax-payer resources, instead of moving to a new city with his family. This is one of the many reasons why the state of Missouri should step in. Families rely on the state legislature to protect their property interests by preventing local government overreach. Laws that regulate what your personal property can look like is the epitome of government overreach. Additionally, these local breed specific laws have an adverse effect on travel, economic growth, and local development for cities throughout the state of Missouri. Bordering states of Illinois and Oklahoma have enacted laws similar to HB1588/HB1657, along with 21 other states in the nation. HB1588/HB1657 will make interstate travel and relocation easier for families of these neighboring states and for families within the state of Missouri. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions whatsoever. Teresa Johnson, President/CEO Teresa.Johnson@kcpetproject.org Katie Barnett, Counsel
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I fully support HB-1588 and ask you to please pass this bill to end Breed Bans and replace with common sense and humane Regulations that do not single out specific breeds. REPUTABLE organizations that oppose Breed Specific Legislation are: The American Bar Association, The American Kennel Club, The ASPCA, Animal Farm Foundation, The American Veterinary Medical Association, The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, The Association of Professional Dog Trainers, Best Friends Animal Society, The Humane Society of the United States, The National Animal Control Association, The National Canine Research Council, The Pet Professional Guild, State Farm Insurance, The United States Department of Justice, The Center for Disease Control & Prevention. Please understand that every dog is an individual. For better understanding, please visit your local shelter or Humane Society. Thank you, Kelly Johnson Joplin, MO



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On behalf of the Missouri Federation of Animal Owners, I would like to thank Rep. Haden for introducing HB 1588 and respectfully ask the committee to support the legislation as written, without any amendments. Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) promotes a false sense of community safety. Generic Dangerous Dog Ordinances (DDOs) provide maximum public safety, as they focus on the dog's behavior, not the dog's appearance. Missouri Revised Statute 273.036 already addresses liability for dangerous dogs. This statute, combined with a good municipal DDO, should provide everything a city or county needs to address dangerous dogs. Any amendments providing for mandatory spay/neuter of pets would be detrimental, as these laws tend to have a counterintuitive effect and have an end result of putting more pets in shelters, adding to an already overburdened shelter system. MoFed would like to thank the Local Government Committee for their time and would appreciate their support.



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I support ending BSL. Please end this out of date and discriminatory practice. Thank you.



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I have owned many different breeds of dogs throughout my lifetime from Dachshunds to American Pitbull Terriers. My personal experience with dogs has proven that individual dogs, like individual people, have their own traits. When I was a child, my Dachshund was very protective and would bite a stranger if she felt her family or home was threatened. I am now 53 years old. I now have an American Pitbull Terrier who is over 100 pounds. His temperament is the very best of any dog or breed I have ever been blessed to own. We currently can't live inside city limits with him because of the title of his breed. That breed title does NOT reflect on his temperament in any way. He turned 6 years old today (Happy Birthday to my Zeus!) and he has never had an incident of any kind. He loves every single person he meets - any age - and he absolutely loves to sit close to babies. He loves other dogs and especially loves puppies. His best friend in the world is my 7 year old granddaughter. We have pictures of her at 2 years old sitting in the floor with him "reading" her books to him. In addition, I am the Director of Hearts for Rescue: a foster-based dog rescue in Poplar Bluff, MO. We do not discriminate against helping any breed of dog. I am the founder and have been the Director since being licensed in June of 2015. We have taken in over 1,000 dogs - many being pitbulls. While working with so many different breeds in our rescue, I have never witnessed any ACTUAL evidence of the pitbull breed being more dangerous than any other breed. What I have witnessed is that individual dogs have individual risk factors based on their health and their environmental stimuli during their life. Breed-specific laws simply do nothing to add protection for the public. Experts including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the National Canine Research Council, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and many more have fairly and impartially determined that BSL does not work. PLEASE correct the injustice and stop breed specific legislation by voting YES on H.B. 1588 and H.B. 1657 so we can END dog breed bans in Missouri.



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Please stop the discrimination against pit bulls.			



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Please overturn BSL - it doesnt work, it is discriminatory and causes an entire group of animals to suffer for the deeds of a few (actions which are in no way caused by the breed), and it is truly an embarrassment making us look uneducated and stupid



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I hereby don't believe there should be any breed restrictions. It's all in how you raise a dog. It's not in the breed. I have 5 Rottweilers and they are considered a bad breed and not one of them would hurt a fly. Yes they might act tough but it's all in how an animal is raised. It's also our right to have whatever dog/ or any animal that is habitual in our society.



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Banning a breed places the blame for problem behavior solely on the genetics of the dog. With proper training and care all dogs should be given a chance to live their lives. Banning a breed does nothing to address the problem of bad owners, so please make BSL illegal in Missouri.



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BSL is outdated with no public benefit. I have volunteered in several shelters and have come to know "pit bull" dogs as some of the best family pets there are. Government should not discriminate in any way and BSL is discrimination.



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If a dog is treated well it will behave as such. Dogs with behavior issues are those who are chained, ignored, and treated inhumanely regardless of its breed.



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My name is Melissa Trautman and I am an animal advocate and constituent. I am writing today to voice my support for H.B. 1588 and H.B. 1657, the bills to end Dog Breed Bans in Missouri. Prohibiting dogs based on what breed they may be is incredibly problematic for several reasons. First, the CDC strongly opposes breed-specific legislation because of the difficulty in identifying dog breeds and the inaccuracy of dog bite data. If average citizens, and even law enforcement, have difficulties identifying mixed-breed dogs, then not only will dogs outside of prohibited breeds be incorrectly targeted, but the data supporting the legislation will likely be inaccurate. Second, Breed-specific bans divert resources away from more effective legislative tools, like dangerous dog laws, which more effectively address dangerous dogs and owners. Third, breed-specific bans are a form of government overreach that prevents families from opening their home to the dogs that work best for their families, thereby increasing the number of dogs in shelters and at risk for being euthanized. I ask that you follow the facts and please vote yes on H.B. 1588 and H.B. 1657.



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Breed specific legislation banning certain breeds is grossly unfair and costs municipalities extra money. It in no way reduces the number of dog bite incidents. Innocent dogs are dying in shelters because of our ignorance!! Please pass this legislation!!



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Working at an animal shelter, I've met many breeds involved in different breed specific bans, and I'd like to state that these breeds are just like any other dog. They are no meaner than other dogs! They are just that; a dog. Breed specific legislation should be illegal because it is discrimination against an animal based only on looks and ancestry! Please consider all of the amazing dogs sitting in shelters, waiting on homes simply because of their breed. It breaks my heart and the hearts of so many others.



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We are interested in adopting a rescue dog. We have had to pass on so many sweet dogs because of their breed. I am amazed at the number of dogs in shelters because of their breed which makes them unavailable for adoption in so many communities.



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EMAIL: pjrsts@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/24/2022 7:34 AM
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Please support this bill.			



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My name is Rachel Bauman and I am a Missourian writing in support of H.B. 1588 and H.B. 1657. Experts from around the country – including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Bar Association, the National Canine Research Council, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and many more – have fairly and impartially determined that Breed Specific Legislation simply does not work. The CDC strongly opposes breed-specific legislation, citing the difficulty in identifying dog breeds and the inaccuracy of dog bite data. The average person cannot accurately identify a pit bull-type dog – even law enforcement and canine experts may have difficulties identifying mixed-breed dogs. Furthermore, the American Veterinary Medical Association opposes breed specific legislation as ineffectual and likely to divert attention and resources away from more effective strategies that build communities around responsible pet ownership. As such, please support the experts and vote YES on House Bills 1588 and 1657.



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WITNESS NAME: RACHELE BISHOP		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: raychie_05@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2022 11:21 PM
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1. Breed-specific laws simply do not work. The stated purpose of BSL is to reduce dog bites and attacks, and while many municipalities have passed these laws, there is no statistical evidence that they make communities safer for people or companion animals. In fact, they often make matters worse:a. Example: In Florissant, Mo. between 2005, when its breed-specific ban went into effect, and 2015, two years before the ban was repealed, reported dog bites doubled despite a decline in the city's population.2. Every dog is unique, even dogs within the same breed. Treating dogs as individuals, providing them with the care, training and supervision they require, and judging them by their behavior and not by their physical appearance is the most effective way to ensure that dogs and people can continue to share safe and happy lives together.3. Experts from around the country – including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Bar Association, the National Canine Research Council, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and many more – have fairly and impartially determined that BSL simply does not work:a. The CDC strongly opposes breed-specific legislation, citing the difficulty in identifying dog breeds and the inaccuracy of dog bite data. The average person cannot accurately identify a pit bull-type dog – even law enforcement and canine experts may have difficulties identifying mixed-breed dogs.b. The American Veterinary Medical Association opposes breed specific legislation as ineffectual and likely to divert attention and resources away from more effective strategies.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBIN THRASHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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In support of eliminating breed bans. All dogs deserve a chance at a safe and stable home. We should be doing more to punish irresponsible and cruel owners rather than the dogs that are impacted by them.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH PLATZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: SHANE RUDMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-588-7371	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ANIMAL JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA		TITLE: FOUNDER	
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CITY: LEE SUMMIT		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64082
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2022 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: STEVE MARSHALL FINKEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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As a Missouri resident and a knowledgeable long-time owner and trainer of purebred dogs, I would like to ask that you support these bills as written and do not allow any additional amendments. Apparently, there may be amendments requiring neutering of specific breeds in specific cities and municipalities. Prejudice against breeds is entirely inappropriate. Individuals may be faulted if they personally violate acceptable standards, but to do so by breed is to indicate bias just as incorrect as it is against people based on their backgrounds. Please support these bills do not allow any additional amendments.



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I am experienced dog owner and trainer, and am familiar with many breeds. I would like to support this bill which bans breed-specific legislation. Breeds which many misinformed municipalities seek to ban are perfectly normal -- and friendly -- dogs if raised the same as any other dog. A good example is that the Staffordshire Bull Terrier is the most popular dog in England and is well known for being a wonderful pet. I hope that you will support this bill which is entirely reasonable. Bias by group of any sort -- whether against people or dogs -- is ill considered. Only the individual should be judged.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN KNITTLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please keep this bill moving to save lives and money for local no kill shelters and communities.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN SONTAG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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There is no such thing as a bad or dangerous dog breed. Bad or dangerous owners cause dogs to be bad or dangerous, no matter what breed the dogs may be. That's why there are no problem dog breeds: only problem dog owners.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN UNNERSTALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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In it's simplest form dog behavior is the result of breeding, raising and training.



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WITNESS NAME: VICKI LOGSDON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I volunteer at our local shelter in Independence Missouri and also volunteer at a Kansas City, Missouri shelter. In regards to ALL the dogs who reside at these locations there is absolutely no difference between the chihuahua and the pit bull....they ALL deserve to be judged on their own character not lumped into one category. Please repeal the BSL!



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WITNESS NAME: WARNEE KAY VENYARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Specifying certain breeds of dogs that are not allowed in cities is mind boggling. How does one actually determine this? It all falls back on the owners of pets/animals. Some should not be allowed to own any animal, just like some should never have children, but they do. Enforce registering, licensing, programs to educate people on animal ownership.



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Pit bull type dogs kill more people than ALL OTHER BREEDS COMBINED, and by a large margin, over 70% of all fatalities caused by canines are from pit bull type dogs. They also kill more other pets than all other breeds combined, responsible for over 90% of all canine caused fatalities to other dogs. When most BSL laws were enacted in the late 80's, there were around 13 fatalities per year, most of which were pit bulls. Now, most years we are seeing human fatalities closer to 50 per year, with that number on the rise. Again, pit bulls top the list, as they have every year for the past few decades. It's not a coincidence. It is not bad owners. It is not that we can't identify a pit bull. It is that pit bulls are simply more dangerous. They attack to kill, driven by gameness, which was bred into them intentionally so that they will fight until they die. Most other dogs were not bred with these traits. It has long been established by courts, that a dog owner of regular intelligence can identify a pit bull type dog. No one argues that you can't identify a pug when you see one, or a Corgi, or a Crocker Spaniel - but somehow they argue that no one knows what a pit bull looks like, and argue that pit bulls aren't committing these attacks, even when the owners of the dogs even say that they are pit bulls. Of all states, 4 of the 5 states with the highest dog bite fatalities have state laws prohibiting municipal level BSL legislation. When communities cannot protect themselves, innocent people suffer. Many people in support of allowing pit bulls are woefully ignorant of pit bulls, how many fatalities they cause, the purpose behind the breed, and its history. In fact, they are convinced they were once nanny dogs that are good with children, despite their propensity to in fact, attack and kill the small humans due to their prey drives and the child being at head level with the dogs.



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If a dog is treated well it will be a good dog.. Dogs with behavioral issues are those who are chained, ignored , deprived of proper nutrition and general care.. regardless of their breed!



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY HAYES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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BSL does not work. It is similar to making guns illegal... The bad guys will still have them. Those are the people that have caused this breed to have the reputation they have. Responsible owners are not the issue. These dogs are amazing family members. So many are clogging up our shelters due to irresponsible people. Those have a hard time getting adopted because of BSL. Landlords won't allow them, apartments won't and insurance companies aren't insuring them, causing so many to sit unadoptable. If everyone in this state can have a gun, which kills thousands a year, residents of Missouri should be allowed to have their dog of choice. An average of 30 people die of dog bites a year in this country. Is this really an issue? More die from falling coconuts. As a person who has been in rescue for 15 years and has walked hundreds of bully breeds, I have never suffered a dog bite from a bully breed. I have fostered countless of them, and have two living in my home at this time. I have a lot of experience with this breed and spoken to many vets, vet techs and groomers who would much rather deal with bully breeds than many others.



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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD SHEETS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-9134	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1727 SOUTHRIDGE ROAD			
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