

## 10 Fun Facts about Pitbulls: Not media hype, hear-say or scare tactics....FACTS!

1. The UKC states, "The essential characteristics of the American Pit Bull Terrier are strength, confidence, and zest for life. This breed is eager to please and brimming over with enthusiasm. APBTs make excellent family companions and have always been noted for their love of children".  
(<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/Home>)
2. They serve our society as Search and Rescue dogs. For Pits' Sake, a non-profit organization has served on over 200 search and rescue missions. Some of their accolades include but are not limited to winning the Nobel Prize for Public Service, the NSAL Heroism award and a certificate of appreciation from the FBI.(<http://forpitsake.org/>)
3. Alfons Estelt of the American Temperament Test Society, Inc. stated the following with respect to pit bulls: "The American Pit Bull Terriers participating in our temperament evaluation have thus far shown a passing rate of 95%. The other 121 breeds of dogs in our tests showed the average passing rate of 77% (<http://atts.org/statistics.html>)
4. Early in the 20th century, pit bulls were actually the No. 1 family dog.  
(<http://www.tree.com/lifestyle/pit-bull-myths-and-facts.aspx>)
5. Popsicle the K-9 Pitbull, helped the feds seize 3,075 pounds of cocaine from a pineapple-laden truck at the Mexican border-the biggest drug bust ever at the Hidalgo, Texas, port of entry.  
(<http://www.pitbullsontheweb.com/petbull/pospress.html>)
6. RCA the Pitbull was Alaska's First Certified Hearing Dog!  
(<http://www.pitbullsontheweb.com/petbull/articles/rca.html>)
7. Taylor, a 4-year old pit bull mix, shows a real knack for his job. In his first two years on the job, he has sniffed out more than \$30 million worth of narcotics...Out of more than 100 dogs in the San Diego [CA, USA] district K-9 unit, Taylor ranks as a top performer."  
(<http://www.pitbullsontheweb.com/petbull/articles/taylor.html>)
8. NASA hand-picked an American Pitbull Terrier to search for the remains of Astronauts that perished in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster in February, 2003.  
(<http://www.southernbluelegends.com/factsaboutpitbulls.htm>)
9. Sergeant Stubby/War Hero, an American Pitbull Terrier; was wounded in action twice. He saved his entire platoon by warning them of a poison gas attack and he single handedly captured a German spy. (<http://www.southernbluelegends.com/factsaboutpitbulls.htm>)
10. Beloved pit bull Diamond saved girl from house inferno wins National Hero Dog Award: Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles presented Diamond with their 29th annual National Hero Dog award!!!!(<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1383608/Pit-bull-Diamond-saved-girl-burning-house-wins-National-Hero-Dog-Award.html>)