

An New Owner's Pledge to the American Pit Bull Terrier

The history of a breed, or the purpose for which a breed was developed, provides the foundation needed to understand the characteristics and traits that we see in a breed today. Each purebred was developed for a specific purpose and understanding the history of that purpose supplies deeper insight into the dogs themselves. American Pit Bull Terriers (A.P.B.T.) do well as long as they have the proper set up and adequate space, shelter, food, water, and attention from their owners. Owners need to know that American Pit Bull Terriers will not do well off leads or turned loose in parks. They may tolerate other dogs but because of their fighting history, they will not back down from a challenge or threat. This is one of the American Pit Bull Terrier's characteristics – a-never-quit-always-give-110% attitude – the gameness of the breed. The gameness characteristic should not be exploited for any illegal purposes. This is what makes the American Pit Bull Terrier a wonderful breed. The American Pit Bull Terrier will work all day, never say quit, and give his heart and soul doing whatever his breeder or owner asks him to do. I feel that it is essential that all owners of the American Pit Bull Terrier understand the history of the breed. It is our duty to understand myth from fact and not to feed into the public misconception by repeating untruths because we do not know any better. It is our duty to promote the American Pit Bull Terrier by being a responsible owner, not putting our dogs into situations that give negative publicity. The future of the American Pit Bull Terrier demands that each breeder and owner understand fully the responsibility that comes with owning this breed and to avoid placing American Pit Bull Terriers into the hands of people who do not.

I read and fully understand the responsibility of owning an American Pit Bull Terrier. Therefore, I agree to respect the history and traits of my new dog.

Signature: _____

Print Name Here: _____ Date: _____
