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## The Truth about Breed-Specific Legislation!

*Truth:* Many national, accredited, and reputable organizations advocate for *breed-neutral* dangerous dog laws, **NOT breed-specific legislation** (BSL)- frequently referred to as a "pit bull ban."

Breed-specific legislation has been shown time and again to be ineffective at keeping the public safer when it comes to dog related incidents. Taxpayer resources are *wasted* enforcing these laws, to no benefit of the community.

Who favors **breed-neutral** dog laws over **breed-specific** ones?

- 1) The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- 2) National Animal Control Association
- 3) American Veterinary Medicine Association
- 4) American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior
- 5) National Canine Research Council
- 6) American Bar Association
- 7) International Municipal Lawyers Association
- 8) American Kennel Club
- ...and many others!

Breed-neutral dangerous dog laws also hold <u>owners</u> responsible for their dogs. Responsible ownership has been shown in research to be the NUMBER ONE most effective way to prevent dog related incidents.

This includes things like:

- \* Spaying/neutering
- \* Proper registration and microchipping
- \* Following leash laws and keeping dogs properly contained (not running at large)
- \* Proper socialization and training
- \* Vaccinating against rabies and routine veterinary care
- \* Plus many other controllable aspects of owning a pet!