

its bite strength (makes intuitive sense, right?). The mastiff, one of the largest breeds of dog, measured the highest of all dogs in this study.

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Myth: Pit bulls attack more than other dogs

Truth: Since 1998, no centralized, accredited agency tracks breeds of dogs involved in dog bite related fatalities. The CDC discontinued this data collection finding it to be “of no discernable value” because ANY dog has the ability to bite. The CDC found there was no reliable way to collect dog breeds in reported incidents due to inconsistency in reports from witnesses, law enforcement, owners, etc with each incident, and without a DNA test, there is no reliable way to collect and report this data. Without validity and reliability measures, those kinds of numbers give us no real information!

Dog bite related incidents occur across the breed spectrum (and remember, “pit bull” is a group, not a breed- so there are MORE MEMBERS because it includes various mixes from 20+ breeds!)



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