I AM A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER. DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT ME BECAUSE OF WHAT MY DOG LOOKS LIKE.

WHEN YOU EXCLUDE MY DOG, YOU EXCLUDE ME

DOG BITES >

“WHICH DOGS BITE” IS THE WRONG QUESTION

There is no individual characteristic, or combination of characteristics, that reliably explain why a dog responds with a bite. An injurious dog bite is the rare co-occurrence of multiple circumstances and variables, both past and present. Many dog bite studies have attempted to analyze these incidents on the basis of dog-specific characteristics. This area of research has been unsuccessful, yielding no consistent findings from study to study.

According to the most widely cited studies of dogs bites at least 4 out of 5 (80%) of all dog bites cause no injury at all or injuries so minor that no medical treatment was sought, even though the threshold for medical treatment may well be lower for dog bite injuries than for those from other causes. Continue reading: http://bit.ly/3gbybso.

CANINE GENETICS >

THE SCIENCE BEHIND WHY ALL DOGS ARE INDIVIDUALS

All Dogs Are Individuals. Not pedigree, physical appearance, nor breed label assigned on the basis of a guess, predict a dog’s behavior. The mapping of the canine genome has shown that the genes which determine physical appearance do not necessarily influence behaviors. The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. All dog owners should be held accountable for following the laws that govern responsible pet ownership. The insurance industry should stop making assumptions about dog owners because of what their dog looks like.


BREED & BEHAVIOR >

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND BREED LABELS DO NOT PREDICT BEHAVIOR

The Relevance of Breed in Selecting a Companion Dog by Janis Bradley rigorously examines assumptions that dogs are readily identifiable as members of a particular breed. Behavior can be reliably predicted according to breed, and if behaviors associated with specific breeds are relevant in the contemporary function as a companion dog.

People keep companion dogs of all sizes, shapes and historical backgrounds. Breed, or, as is more usually the case, a presumption about a dog’s breed based upon its appearance, is not a reliable predictor of whether or not a dog’s personality will be suitable to fulfill the roll of a companion dog. Continue reading: https://bit.ly/3begaSk

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