



Pit Bull Rescue Central

Where Education Meets Rescue

Q. What is PBRC? Pit Bull Rescue Central (PBRC) is a virtual shelter and educational resource for owners, adopters, rescuers and caretakers of American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers and Pit Bull mixes. PBRC uses the powerful communication tool provided by the Internet to aid Pit Bulls in need through education and placement assistance. PBRC is dedicated to improving the reputation of the breed by encouraging responsible placements into responsible homes.

Q. How does PBRC work? PBRC has a team of dedicated volunteers located in the US, Canada and Europe who work to assist and educate caretakers and potential owners through the website and email communication. PBRC works with many Pit Bull rescue organizations and Pit Bull-friendly shelters across the nation.

Q. What is rescue? A "Rescue" can be an individual, or an organization, dedicated to the placement of homeless animals. Some rescues take in all species of animals, others take in just dogs or cats, and some are focused on one particular breed.

Q. Why rescue pit bulls? If you've ever walked through a shelter, you have probably noticed many pit bulls. Currently, it seems that no other breed of dog is bred, abused and thrown away in such alarming numbers. This is not the dogs' fault and they deserve a chance to have homes. Pit Bull rescue is challenging and not for the faint of heart. You will witness extreme cases of abuse and neglect more often than in any other kind of dog rescue. Pit Bull rescue is frustrating. The breed is misunderstood and maligned. Insurance companies are canceling policies and breed-specific legislation is cropping up all over the country. Responsible adopters are few and far between. But at the same time, Pit Bull rescue is rewarding. When you take in a dog that has never been given a chance to be loved as a companion and put him in a home where he is a cherished family member, his smile will stay with you forever.

Q. Why adopt a rescued pit bull? Generally, rescue dogs are full-grown adults with known temperaments. They have often been through obedience training and may be crate-trained and housetrained. The dogs have been evaluated in a variety of situations. They are up-to-date with their vaccinations and are spayed or neutered. Adopting through rescue saves lives.

Q. Why spay/neuter? Spaying and neutering reduces the risk of certain types of cancers and infections, especially if it is performed prior to the first heat in females and before puberty in males. Spaying eliminates the possibility of blood stains on your furniture when your female has her heat cycle. Neutering reduces/eliminates marking behavior both indoors and out. Spaying or neutering means YOUR dog won't contribute to the homeless pit bull population.

- PBRC discourages indiscriminate and irresponsible breeding.
- PBRC encourages the breeding community to get involved with rescue.
- If you can foster a rescue dog, please let us know.
- PBRC supports responsible breeders who spay/neuter their pet quality puppies prior to placement.