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To Whom It May Concern:

My Name is Christopher Rollox, President of Gemini K9 Obedience Inc.

We have been training dogs professionally since 1995. We train for: pet, competition, movies , still pictures, and law enforcement.

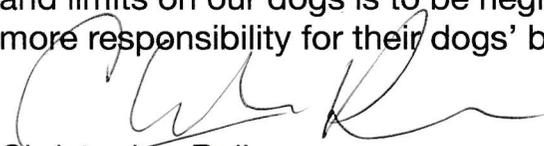
I am writing this letter in response to the Breed Specific Legislation (BSL). From our experience the majority of dog aggression cases we've worked on stemmed from lack of leadership within the home. At our facility we work with all breeds, and I can confidently say we encounter a variety of different types of dogs that exhibit aggressive behaviour. I would not limit aggression to one specific breed because that is not the reality. There are breeds that genetically tend to exhibit more dominant tendencies that if left unchecked become enhanced. Yet we have seen breeds that are typically "softer" in nature develop dominance, this is usually the result of lack of leadership on the owner's part.

There are breeds that have the propensity to chase after moving things (objects and people), as well as breeds that are naturally defensive. So with these various behaviours that dogs have, it is our responsibility as dog owners to make sure that we raise them properly.

With that said, the number of Pitbull related aggression cases we've worked on in the past were very minimal. They did not "out-weigh" any of the other breeds enrolled in our aggression control programs.

I believe banning a breed does not work, as someone working on the "front lines" we've seen too many non-bull breeds engaged in aggression, and with education/training we were able to change that behaviour.

The real problem is our attitude towards dog ownership. To mitigate rules and limits on our dogs is to be negligent. Therefore we feel until owners take more responsibility for their dogs' behaviour, banning a breed is not the answer.



Christopher Rollox