

# Not for everyone

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Skokie -- Because I own two delightful pit bulls, I often wrote letters objecting to breed specific prohibition laws, which always put pit bulls at the top of the list. Now I am more tolerant of these laws, so long as they do not advocate automatic seizure and euthanasia.

The articles on the horrible mauling in Cary were a recipe on how to mishandle what was once one of America's favorite breeds, admired for its loyalty, stamina, playfulness and intelligence. This breed needs a little room. Unless these animals have a spacious outside run or are regularly exercised vigorously, the energy build-up can be monumental. Pit bulls are not couch potatoes. There are plenty of other wonderful breeds whose more sedentary demeanor is more suited to the average American lifestyle. Due to bad breeding, some pit bulls may begin manifesting aggression when they are younger. Pit bulls require active and informed owners with the resources and time to properly care for them. Pit bulls and many other breeds are a bad fit for 99 percent of people, and sadly the failures reach the news too frequently. So I now favor well-crafted laws governing ownership of the feistier breeds to protect the dogs and us from people with no business owning them.

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