

All Labradors love water.

FALSE

All Golden Retrievers are good with children.

FALSE

All Chihuahuas are yappy.

FALSE

All Pit bulls are aggressive.

FALSE

Every dog is an individual.

TRUE!

The Florida Keys SPCA believes that breed type should not be the primary factor in deciding whether a dog is adoptable. Pit bulls, like every other breed type, have individual personalities and temperaments. Many people who come into the shelter looking to adopt a pit bull are doing so because they have had that breed-type before and are looking to have the same positive experience with another pit bull. They use words like “sweet,” “affectionate”, “loyal”, “playful”, “fun-loving”, and “easy to train” to describe these dogs. In fact, we have had more than one person emphatically announce that they will never have any other kind of dog but a “pittie”! And others discover unexpectedly what great dogs they can be.

This breed is paying a terrible price for a reputation that is based all too often on sensationalized stories and inaccurate information – that they don’t get along well with other animals, for instance. The truth? Like every other dog breed, some do and some don’t.



Simon (left) was adopted from the FKSPCA in 2011.
He loves the company of other dogs.

And they can be wonderful family dogs.



Cappy was adopted from the FKSPCA in 2010.
He immediately became part of the family, loves four-year-old Riley
and Riley's many friends when they visit.

As can happen with any breed of dog, all too often problems occur when owners do not provide the responsible care, training and management that every dog needs.

Education is the key to adopting a good companion and family member. Check out the websites below to learn more about pit bulls and see some wonderful "Happy Tails" from those who know them best, the people who are living with them.

<http://www.badrap.org/rescue/myths.html>

<http://ourpack.org/>

www.pbrc.net

http://www.understand-a-bull.com/Findthebull/findpitbull_v3.html

JUST FOR FUN

<http://stubbydog.org/2011/09/whats-your-dogs-job/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LQF5hLi1qM&feature=player_embedded

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtGT2apOIKw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCd4HYz4chA>