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Subject:	[EXTERNAL] The AVMA study is outdated
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Dear Denver city council,

Despite the fact that The American Veterinarian Medical Association "Dog Bite Risk and Prevention: The Role of Breed:" study, does not reference any U.S. medical studies since 2009, this outdated study is repeatedly cited by pit bull advocates. https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/literature-reviews/dog-bite-risk-and-prevention-role-breed

I have listed the MOST current dog bite studies from (2011 to 2019) for you to exam.

13 PEER-REVIEWED Medical Studies that prove pit bull type-dogs are dangerous pets. I agree all dogs can bite. The issue with pit bulls is the degree of damage they inflict, and their attacks being more likely to result in fatality. Level 1 trauma center dog bite studies from all geographical regions in the U.S. are reporting a higher prevalence of pit bull type dogs injuries than all other breeds of dogs. In many cases, the studies (2011 to 2019) also report that pit bull injuries have a higher severity of injury and require a greater number of operative interventions. https://www.dogsbite.org/dog-bite-statistics-studies-level-1-trauma-table-2011-2018.php

American Veterinary Medical Association exists to serve the best interest of veterinarians not to advance public safety. AVMA does not track fatalities by dog breeds.

The AVMA? They don't see the attacks in the emergency rooms. They don't even track anything, third hand information. They are a trade association, designed to help their members make more money. AVMA would lose money if they spoke out against pit bulls. And boy, do they make money off pit bull attacks. AVMA has a vested financial interest in keeping the pit types among us.

This alleged study has no credibility in the first place, having been done by four paid employees of the National Canine Research Council Research, the leading pit bull advocacy organization, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston, the longtime leader of opposition to breed-specific legislation in Massachusetts.

If you regard those as a credible resources, you probably also regard the Tobacco Institute as a credible resource on cigarette smoking. The National Canine Research Institute, as you should know, was founded & is run specifically to promote pit bulls.

AVMA has this to say about Pit Bulls in their 2000 publication, page 4 : "If only the cases that resulted in very severe injuries or fatalities are considered, pit bull-type dogs are more frequently identified." **So they openly admit that Pit Bulls are responsible**

for the most severe of injuries and fatalities." This is why smart cities have breed specific ordinances. https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/LiteratureReviews/Pages/The-Role-of-Breed-in-Dog-Bite-Risk-and-Prevention.aspx

I'm a volunteer for a national, non-profit dog attack victim's group dedicated to reducing serious dog attacks.

Thanks for listening to my concerns,

Julie Wall

Pit Bulls Are The Official Dog of Mayhem. Here we go again and again and again. If we can't have cougars as pets, then we shouldn't be able to have pit bull type-dogs

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