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As a Denver resident, I urge you to utilize science, facts, and statistics from areas who have lifted the discriminatory practice of banning breeds of dogs!

Science tells us that all dogs are prone to biting given varying circumstances. It's an innate defense mechanism that every breed and size dog carries. No one breed is more likely to bite than another. Science also tells us that breed specific bans trick communities into being afraid of a particular breed which leaves them susceptible to bites from other breeds. This is the reason Denver currently has more recorded bites from labradors than any pit bull dogs! It creates a false sense of safe and fails to create the true ideology that any strange dog can bite, and any familiar dog, if pushed can bite!

Facts tell us that this type of legislation banning breeds doesn't help the community or protect it. We have a better chance knowing what dogs are out there if people didn't have to hide them! We have a better chance at them being vaccinated and spayed/neutered if they weren't hiding in the shadows! If they were able to be vaccinated and spayed/ neutered we would begin to see less of these animals homeless and wandering, therefore creating a safer community for both dogs and people. Facts tells us that these dogs are in our community but that they are more dangerous than ever because they often don't get proper medical care, socialization or training based on being in hiding! The ban is creating a more dangerous environment than it is preventing!

Past bans lifted in other cities have shown no significant increase in bites once lifted! We need to follow suit of other cities and states and realize that this ban is not working, it's not helping the community, and it creates more danger than it protects us from! The American humane society publicly states that breed specific legislation is not helping communities! Castle rock lifted their ban and have not had any significant increases. We need to be a major city leading the pact... not one follow old laws that discriminate!

Laws are designed to protect our people and communities! Please don't continue this outdated and ineffective rule! Protect our community by allowing discrimination to end for these dogs!

I would also love to talk more with you about reasons I have heard as to why people aren't registering animals in Denver and why so many aren't fixed or vaccinated

Please repeal the ban and push forward with the proposed licensing for pit bulls

Thank you
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