

“OUR RESEARCH DOES NOT SUPPORT BREED-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION”

– Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

Almost every proponent of breed-specific legislation relies on one ten year old study to make their case¹. Both the CDC and the AVMA have warned that the findings of that study are not an argument for breed legislation of any kind.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL STATEMENT

“[The study] does not identify specific breeds that are most likely to bite or kill, and thus is not appropriate for policy-making decisions related to the topic...There is currently no accurate way to identify the number of dogs of a particular breed, and consequently no measure to determine which breeds are more likely to bite or kill.”

AVMA STATEMENT

“In contrast to what has been reported in the news media, the data...CANNOT be used to infer any breed-specific risk for dog bite fatalities...”



**WHY DEBATE WHAT THE EXPERTS HAVE ALREADY CONCLUDED?
THERE IS NO SCIENTIFICALLY VALID EVIDENCE AND NO REASONABLE
ARGUMENT TO SUPPORT BREED-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION.**

Instead of discriminating against breeds, take responsibility for dog ownership and management practices. The CDC recommends “a community approach to dog bite prevention” that focuses on improving the quality of human-canine interactions and the care of all canine species.

¹(AVMA) Task Force on Canine Aggression and Human-Canine Interactions
(http://www.avma.org/public_health/dogbite/dogbite.pdf)