

# The Poop Scoop

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Registration. It seems simple enough – once a year every dog owner pays a fee in order to legally keep their dog/s. This fee is what the City Council use to run the Animal Management service.

If you're clever, you will have applied for Responsible Dog Ownership, which not only shows the council you are a responsible dog owner, but also reduces this yearly fee quite significantly, especially for owners of multiple dogs. So why are so many people not registering their dogs? I see time and time again rants on-line about the council "harassing" people, handing out fines, punishing dog owners because of their chosen breed. This is simply not the case. Follow the law, and no one will "harass" you. Be responsible, don't let your dogs roam, have them de-sexed and you won't be given fines.

"The Pound" are not the bad guys. Irresponsible owners are. Us responsible owners, who do pay our registration, are what keep Animal Management going. If we weren't paying our registration, there would be no Animal Management to pick up dogs while they're out wandering. There would be no shelter to keep the animals safe in until they are claimed/adopted/rescued. There would be no staff there to feed and take care of the animals – staff who genuinely care about all the dogs, regardless of their breed, and want nothing more than to see them all in safe and loving homes.

## Update your details!

During the recent devastating fire on the Port Hills, pets were having to be released from properties with no owner to take them, so it seems to be a good time to remind everyone how important micro chipping & registration is, but also the most important bit, to ensure the details are recorded & up to date.

Is your micro chip number recorded on the NZ Companion Animal Register? Have you advised Animal Control of the micro chip number? Have you changed address & updated both Animal Control & NZ Companion Animal Register of your new contact details? Did you know cats, rabbits & all small animals can also be micro chipped? Do you check once a year the chip is still working?

If you have all your personal information up to date & an event occurs where you & your pet are separated you will be reunited a lot quicker if you have these bases covered. We also have helpful information on Lost & Found Dogs on our website:

[www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/lost-dogs/](http://www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/lost-dogs/)



**Weird dog fact:** It is a common myth that dogs can only see in black and white but they can actually see colours - just not as vividly as humans.

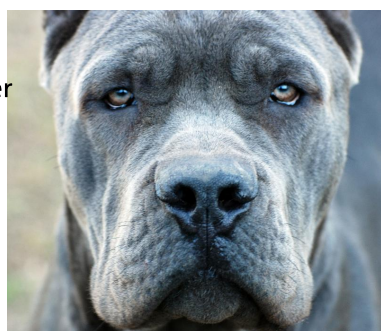
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# Doggie Tails

## Pit Bulls: Myth vs. Fact

There are a number of myths surround pit bulls which contribute to the negative stereotype associated with these dogs. However, many of these myths are unfair and do not accurately represent pit bulls. First off, many people do not understand that pit bulls are not a breed of dog. In fact, many dog breeds can fall under the blanket "pit bull" category. These include:

- Alano Espanol
- American Pit Bull Terrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Cane Corso
- Cordoba Fighting Dog
- Dogue de Bordeaux
- Japanese Tosa
- Perro de Presa Canario
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier



### Pit Bull Jaw Myths

One of the most popular pit bull myths is that these types of dogs have "locking jaws," meaning that their jaws cannot be pried apart once they bite down. In some cases, this myth even goes so far as to say that a pit bull's jaw cannot even be pulled apart if the dog is killed. In truth, a pit bull's jaw structure is no different from the jaw structure of any other dog breed. No such locking mechanism exists. Another myth or urban legend about pit bull's jaws is the actual measurable pressure. In fact, pit bulls have no greater biting pressure than most other breeds and are, in fact, surpassed by Rottweilers and German Shepherds. Another pit bull-related myth is that these dogs do not feel pain. This is also untrue. A pit bull's nervous system is the same as that of any other dog. However, because pit bulls are terriers and by right "driven", they often will continue whatever task is at hand despite pain or discomfort.

### Pit Bull Skull Myth

One myth that has jumped from dog breed to breed involves the size of a pit bull's skull. This myth states that a pit bull's brain can swell to a size that cannot be accommodated by the skull, causing pit bulls to go insane. This myth, which has also been attributed to Dobermans, is completely unfounded and untrue.

### Pit Bull Behaviour Myths

Along with myths surrounding the physical aspects of pit bulls, there are also a number of pit bull myths associated with the behaviour of these dogs. First and foremost, many

people believe that pit bulls are inherently aggressive and more likely to attack their owners and other people. This is simply not the case. Pit bulls, like any other dogs, do not exhibit aggressive behaviour without reason or provocation. If a dog reacts aggressively, it is usually the result of:

- disease
- improper handling
- lack of socialization or training
- misreading the dog's behaviour

Keep in mind that most dogs will exhibit warning signs, such as a quick movement or a growl, before resorting to using teeth. Pit bulls, like all other types of dogs, do not suddenly snap without reason.

### Pit Bull Facts

•The original molossoid dogs were used for herding live stock, as fierce hunters, and companion/protection animals in the early British Isles.

•Despite what some people believe, pit bulls actually make great pets for families. In tests done by the American Temperament Test Society, pit bulls were generally less aggressive when faced with confrontational situations that produced negative reactions out of many other stereotypically "friendly" dog breeds, such as beagles and poodles.

•Early in the 20th century, pit bulls were actually the No. 1 family dog.

•Dog fighters use pit bull breeds because they are strong, agile and have a desire to please their owners. Unfortunately, pit bulls abuse in this circumstance contributes to the negative myths surrounding them

•While many pit bulls are trained to be "animal aggressive," this does not mean ALL pit bulls are animal aggressive or that they are also "human aggressive." These behaviours are completely separate and can be rehabilitated and adjusted through proper socialisation and training.



**If you would like to make a donation, there are a number of ways to do so:**

Directly into our Trust account - Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue Trust – 38-9016-0659994-00

Directly into our vet account - Avonside Wainoni Vet Clinic - Ref - 11751 – 06 0829 0207978 00

One of our Give A Little pages - <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/bullbreedrescue>

Fill in the form below & send in a payment to us at 1 Barton Street, Woolston, Christchurch

**As we are a registered charity, we are able to offer receipts for tax purposes, so please let us know if you require a receipt for payments made in any of the above ways**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment attached: Y / N

Receipt Required Y/N

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# All for a good paws

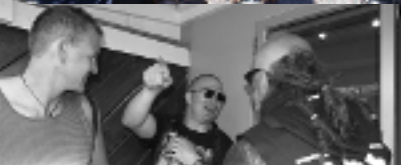
There are some amazing events coming up, so please come along to support us on the day, as these events help keep the dogs fed & doors open.

We are lucky to be supported by some great people & businesses in the community who give proceeds back to us. By showing these businesses your support, you are supporting us.

**In February we had our first Poker Run which was a success all round: great weather, great crowd, fantastic amount of funds raised with an amazing mascot dog for the day!**

**This will be an annual event, so if you missed out this year you have a year to get ready for the next one!!!**

**Here are a few shots from the day**



## DOG OF THE MONTH



Ragnar has made such amazing progress it's hard to believe he's the same sad dog that Chained Dog Awareness rescued and sent to us. He is looking fabulous, is now fit and strong, and coming along awesomely with his basic training & is now learning tricks.

He is looking for a home with bully breed experience, kids over 13, where he is an only pet & a family with the time and love to continue with his on-going training. He is great with meeting other dogs out on his walks.

Please remember he has been on a chain for 5yrs so has basically started his learning as an adult. He needs an owner who understands this and is ready to show him the world.

Ragnar is de-sexed, vaccinated, chipped & registered. If you're interested in offering him a furever home, please complete our on-line adoption questionnaire:

<http://www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/adopt/>



Keep up to date with our daily posts on our facebook page:  
Bull Breed Rescue Fundraiser



# Up Coming Events, Specials & Merchandise

Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue brings you another giggle filled

## QUIZ NIGHT!

March 16th 7pm start  
Chch Casino, Sixty6 on Peterborough

Pre-sales \$10ea or \$50 for a team (up to 6 people)  
Door sales \$15ea

Email [cbbr\\_fundraiser@outlook.com](mailto:cbbr_fundraiser@outlook.com)  
or purchase direct from our website  
[www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz](http://www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz)




## Animates Linwood BBQ Fundraiser

Animates Linwood have invited us down to do a BBQ fundraiser! Pop on down, grab a snag & say hi to the friendly volunteers!

Animates Linwood

Sunday 26th March

11am - 4pm

## \*\*Cupcake Fundraiser\*\*



These have been super popular in the past so we thought we'd do another!!

\$25 for a dozen cupcakes! The flavours are Triple Chocolate, Salted Caramel, Strawberry Shortcake & Cookies n Cream. It is a standard mix of these or your choice of mix/single flavour!!

Order via email:

[admin@chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz](mailto:admin@chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz) & we will reply with bank details/confirmation.

Pick up will be Saturday April 8th 10am-4pm and Sunday 9th by arrangement

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