

Dangerous Dogs

Now, a few questions about dogs.

1. Some people say particular breeds of dogs, usually pit bulls and Rottweilers, are inherently aggressive and dangerous due to years of selectively breeding for aggressive traits. Others say the attacks that have occurred are isolated incidents caused more by environment or human influence than the dog's breed. Which is closer to your point of view?

[RANDOMIZE]

Particular breeds (pit bulls and Rottweilers for example) are inherently more aggressive and dangerous
Dog attacks are isolated incidents caused by bad owners not by the breed of the dog

2. A number of policies have been proposed to reduce the number of dog attacks and control aggressive dogs. Do you support or oppose each of the following policies being implemented in your community? (If a policy is already in place in your community, please indicate whether you support or oppose it remaining in effect)

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

Banning particular breeds (often pit bulls and Rottweilers) – i.e. no one is allowed to own, breed, purchase or import that breed of dog

Requiring breeds such as pit bulls to be muzzled and on leash at all times when off their owners' property

More expensive licensing for breeds of dogs deemed to be dangerous

More expensive licensing for individual dogs who could be dangerous, regardless of the breed of dog

Preventing individuals who owned a dog that attacked a person in the past from owning another dog

[COLUMNS]

Strongly oppose

Moderately oppose

Moderately support

Strongly support

3. Do you currently own a dog or have you ever owned a dog?

Yes, currently

Have owned one in the past, but don't currently

[EXCLUSIVE] No, have never owned a dog

4. Have you or has anyone in your household ever been bitten by a dog (in a manner that wasn't playful)?

[Choose all that apply]

Yes, I have

Yes someone in my household

[EXCLUSIVE] No, neither myself nor anyone in my household