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1. Consider a pit bull

If you were adopting a dog, would you consider adopting a pit bull?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 31\% | 31\% | 30\% | 48\% | 44\% | 18\% | 15\% | 31\% | 35\% | 23\% |
| No | 50\% | 50\% | 50\% | 32\% | 34\% | 62\% | 72\% | 53\% | 44\% | 59\% |
| I wouldn't ever adopt a dog | 9\% | 11\% | 8\% | 10\% | 8\% | 10\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 10\% |
| Not sure | 10\% | 8\% | 12\% | 9\% | 14\% | 11\% | 4\% | 8\% | 13\% | 8\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (993) | (465) | (528) | (172) | (273) | (379) | (169) | (333) | (437) | (223) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 31\% | 33\% | 22\% | 28\% | 33\% | 32\% | 25\% | 27\% | 26\% | 29\% | 32\% | 34\% |
| No | 50\% | 49\% | 56\% | 50\% | 47\% | 53\% | 55\% | 57\% | 45\% | 50\% | 52\% | 50\% |
| I wouldn't ever adopt a dog | 9\% | 8\% | 12\% | 13\% | 7\% | 8\% | 5\% | 10\% | 13\% | 6\% | 9\% | 8\% |
| Not sure | 10\% | 10\% | 11\% | 9\% | 13\% | 7\% | 15\% | 6\% | 16\% | 15\% | 6\% | 7\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (993) | (768) | (117) | (108) | (363) | (292) | (72) | (122) | (180) | (213) | (347) | (253) |

## 2. Advise against

Say that you knew a family with small children who were considering adopting a dog. Would you advise that family in favor of or against adopting a pit bull, or would you not care much either way?


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## 3. Safe for residential neighborhoods

Do you think that pit bulls are safe to live in residential neighborhoods, or do you think they're too dangerous to live in residential neighborhoods?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Safe | 39\% | 37\% | 41\% | 52\% | 48\% | 30\% | 28\% | 38\% | 41\% | 37\% |
| Too dangerous | 40\% | 43\% | 37\% | 22\% | 31\% | 50\% | 54\% | 47\% | 33\% | 41\% |
| Not sure | 21\% | 20\% | 22\% | 26\% | 21\% | 20\% | 18\% | 14\% | 25\% | 22\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & \text { (994) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (466) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (528) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (173) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (273) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (379) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (169) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (334) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (437) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (223) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Safe | 39\% | 43\% | 25\% | 30\% | 37\% | 43\% | 39\% | 42\% | 34\% | 42\% | 39\% | 42\% |
| Too dangerous | 40\% | 36\% | 52\% | 50\% | 38\% | 42\% | 42\% | 39\% | 37\% | 36\% | 44\% | 38\% |
| Not sure | 21\% | 21\% | 23\% | 20\% | 25\% | 15\% | 19\% | 19\% | 29\% | 22\% | 18\% | 20\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (994) | (769) | (117) | (108) | (363) | (292) | (73) | (122) | (180) | (213) | (347) | (254) |

## 4. Dangerous - medium sized dogs

Generally speaking, how dangerous do you think medium-sized dogs are to people and other animals?


## 5. Dangerous - pit bulls

Generally speaking, how dangerous do you think pit bulls are to people and other animals?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Very dangerous | 24\% | 25\% | 23\% | 10\% | 20\% | 31\% | 32\% | 29\% | 21\% | 20\% |
| Somewhat dangerous | 35\% | 34\% | 36\% | 37\% | 27\% | 38\% | 39\% | 31\% | 34\% | 43\% |
| Not very dangerous | 24\% | 26\% | 22\% | 36\% | 31\% | 15\% | 16\% | 20\% | 27\% | 23\% |
| Not at all dangerous | 9\% | 8\% | 9\% | 8\% | 11\% | 9\% | 6\% | 12\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| Not sure | 9\% | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% | 11\% | 8\% | 7\% | 8\% | 11\% | 6\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (989) | (463) | (526) | (172) | (272) | (377) | (168) | (332) | (436) | (221) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Very dangerous | 24\% | 19\% | 39\% | 33\% | 27\% | 21\% | 19\% | 20\% | 23\% | 19\% | 28\% | 22\% |
| Somewhat dangerous | 35\% | 36\% | 28\% | 34\% | 32\% | 42\% | 38\% | 37\% | 33\% | 39\% | 35\% | 33\% |
| Not very dangerous | 24\% | 26\% | 13\% | 17\% | 21\% | 24\% | 28\% | 31\% | 20\% | 25\% | 21\% | 30\% |
| Not at all dangerous | 9\% | 9\% | 8\% | 7\% | 12\% | 7\% | 8\% | 8\% | 7\% | 10\% | 9\% | 7\% |
| Not sure | 9\% | 9\% | 11\% | 9\% | 9\% | 6\% | 8\% | 3\% | 16\% | 8\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (989) | (764) | (117) | (108) | (362) | (291) | (73) | (120) | (178) | (212) | (346) | (253) |

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6. Pit bull aggression

Which statement comes closest to your opinion?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Pit bulls are naturally more aggressive than other dogs | 38\% | 43\% | 33\% | 29\% | 31\% | 43\% | 48\% | 43\% | 32\% | 43\% |
| Some dogs are socialized to be aggressive, but pit bulls are no more susceptible |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| than other dogs | 50\% | 48\% | 53\% | 59\% | 58\% | 46\% | 37\% | 45\% | 56\% | 46\% |
| Not sure | 12\% | 9\% | 14\% | 12\% | 11\% | 10\% | 15\% | 12\% | 12\% | 11\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (988) | (463) | (525) | (170) | (271) | (378) | (169) | (331) | (435) | (222) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Pit bulls are naturally more aggressive than other dogs | 38\% | 34\% | 49\% | 48\% | 38\% | 38\% | 43\% | 38\% | 33\% | 40\% | 39\% | 38\% |
| Some dogs are socialized to be aggressive, but pit bulls are no more susceptible |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| than other dogs | 50\% | 56\% | 34\% | 37\% | 50\% | 56\% | 52\% | 49\% | 51\% | 50\% | 50\% | 52\% |
| Not sure | 12\% | 10\% | 17\% | 15\% | 12\% | 6\% | 5\% | 13\% | 17\% | 10\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (988) | (765) | (117) | (106) | (360) | (291) | (72) | (122) | (178) | (212) | (346) | (252) |

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## 7. Legality of owning pit bulls

Do you think that owning a pit bull should be legal or illegal?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Legal | 63\% | 66\% | 60\% | 73\% | 69\% | 57\% | 50\% | 57\% | 66\% | 64\% |
| Illegal | 16\% | 16\% | 17\% | 10\% | 15\% | 18\% | 24\% | 24\% | 14\% | 10\% |
| Not sure | 21\% | 19\% | 23\% | 18\% | 16\% | 25\% | 25\% | 19\% | 20\% | 26\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (987) | (463) | (524) | (170) | (269) | (379) | (169) | (330) | (435) | (222) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Legal | 63\% | 67\% | 50\% | 50\% | 61\% | 62\% | 66\% | 70\% | 61\% | 60\% | 61\% | 69\% |
| Illegal | 16\% | 13\% | 31\% | 24\% | 16\% | 20\% | 11\% | 13\% | 15\% | 14\% | 20\% | 14\% |
| Not sure | 21\% | 20\% | 19\% | 26\% | 23\% | 18\% | 23\% | 17\% | 24\% | 27\% | 19\% | 17\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (987) | (765) | (116) | (106) | (361) | (291) | (72) | (121) | (178) | (212) | (344) | (253) |

