



ASTRO – American Pit Bull Terrier/American Staffordshire Terrier Rescue

Dedicated to the promotion of rescue, education and responsible dog ownership.
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Who Are We: ASTRO is a small rescue dedicated to placing deserving pit bull type dogs in homes that both understand and appreciate the breed. We think the quality of our placements, for both the dog and his or her new family is much more important than the quantity of placements we make. We believe that pit bull rescue includes working to rescue the breed's reputation.

Our goal is to assist Pit Bulls in need and help the public gain acceptance through understanding. We would like the public to judge the breed on its own merits rather than by the news headlines, which are caused not by dogs, but by irresponsible owners. We hope in some way, however small, to help stem the flood of abuse and over population problems that plague this breed.

Why Pit Bulls: We believe that no breed of dog in history has been asked to endure more than these dogs have. They are vilified by the media, over bred by those who have no knowledge of, nor interest in, the breed beyond their ability to turn a quick buck selling pups, pitted against each other by those who get their enjoyment from watching other living creatures suffer and generally seem to draw irresponsible, neglectful and outright abusive owners. The truth is that these dogs need our compassion and our help. But all too often all they get is dismissed by the public as “one of those dogs.” As people who know what truly wonderful companions they can be, we are unable to sit quietly as they go by the thousands to their deaths in local shelters or suffer short miserable lives at the hands of unkind or uncaring owners.

Our dogs: Our dogs come from local shelters. Most are what are referred to as “death row dogs” meaning either the shelter would not adopt them out due to their breed, or they are out of time – having been overlooked again and again by potential adopters because they are a pit bull type dog. All dogs are thoroughly vetted (vaccinations, heartworm tested and checked for internal parasites), temperament tested and altered prior to adoption.