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Pit Bull Terriers And Separation Anxiety: Understanding Your Dog

By Tim Amherst

As any Pit Bull owner will tell you, Pit Bulls are very social and crave a lot of time and attention from

their owners. They are very devoted and loving. Pit Bulls often have a hard time coping when their owners have to leave them alone. Your Pit Bull doesn't understand that although you love him very much, you cannot stay with him all of the time. It is important to train them well, so that they can better deal with this separation anxiety. Pit bulls will often suffer from separation anxiety for a number of different reasons. Often, if you have had your Pit Bull since it was a puppy, and if you have a strong bond, he is just unable to deal with you being away from him. This is often made worse if you have always made it a point to keep your pit bull at your side, and then all of a sudden are unable to. Young puppies will occasionally suffer from separation anxiety when they are taken away from their mother. Pit Bulls don't know how to handle the symptoms of separation anxiety, and will often give in to destructive behavior to try to make themselves feel better. If they have free reign in your house while you are gone, they may give in to the urge to chew on your furniture or belongings that are in reach. If you are gone for a long period of time, or if your Pit Bull is highly susceptible to stress, he may also suffer from diarrhea, nausea, and may use the potty in the house when he is otherwise housebroken. Most dogs suffering from a case of separation anxiety will show symptoms usually in the first hour or so the owner is away. There are a few things that caring owners can do to help ease or eliminate separation anxiety in their Pit Bulls. Crate training is often very helpful because it gives the Pit Bull his own safe space, so that he will feel comfortable and secure usually even if you are not around. Sometimes having a special chew toy that you only give your Pit Bull when you have to leave may help eliminate anxiety, or at least give him something safe to chew on while you are away. Some owners also say that leaving a radio or television on while they are away also helps. Pit Bulls that have went thru obedience training courses generally are less affected by separation anxiety. In extreme cases of separation anxiety that seem untreatable, your veterinarian may be able to prescribe some medication to help, at least in dealing with the symptoms. He may also recommend other methods of keeping your Pit Bull calm when you are away that may be successful. Pit Bulls crave a lot of love and attention, so sometimes all it takes is a little extra time from you when you are home to make them feel better when you have to be away.

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American Pit Bull Terrier: Is It The Right Dog Breed For You?

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If you're thinking about owning a Pit Bull terrier, it is important to understand the characteristics of the breed as well as your current lifestyle. Caring for a Pit Bull is a long-term commitment that needs to be taken seriously, not just a simple hobby that you participate in when time permits.

Unfortunately it is very difficult for many dogs to find a second home in the event that their owners "change their minds" and decide they don't want a dog after all. The situation is even worse for Pit Bulls due to their reputation in today's society.

Do you have the time and the energy to commit to a high energy breed such as a Pit Bull? Pit Bull terriers have very high exercise requirements and are happiest when they get plenty of play time.

If you are interested in owning a Pit Bull, you should possess a similar sense of adventure. A day at the beach, a park, or just playing frisbee in the backyard are all excellent things to do with your four-legged friend. These activities will also strengthen the bond between you and your dog and make ownership even more rewarding.

If you're more of an inside person however and don't enjoy exercising daily, you should seriously rethink your idea of Pit Bull ownership. There are many other excellent dog breeds that will probably be more suitable to your lifestyle and it isn't fair to penalize your dog simply because you are too selfish to get an alternative breed.

If you still are set on owning a Pit Bull, it is important that you begin training your dog as soon as you bring him home. Pit Bulls who aren't properly trained can become more than a handful. On the other hand, a well-trained Pit can regularly impress others with good behavior.

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