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## American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Canada

### WELCOME MEMBERS

Montreal's new pit bull ban is being condemned by animal welfare advocates across North America, with petitions against the policy, garnering thousands of signatures and Canadians/US citizens voicing their concern.

ASTCC understands everyone's joy and happiness in the decision made by Superior Court Justice Louis Gouin in granting a suspension on Montreal's "pit bull" ban, and we are unbelievably happy.

There is still also an upcoming court case by the Montreal SPCA and there are many other issues pertaining to the Montreal BSL Ban. So please, as we are celebrating the suspension, remember all of the issues that this bylaw proposes and make a commitment that we stand together and will continue to fight against BSL in Montreal and Canada.

**Below are a few of the latest stories relating to Montreal BSL Ban. Enjoy the reading!**

### MONTREAL SPCA - ANOTHER VICTORY!

#### THE SUPERIOR COURT ORDERS A STAY OF THE MONTREAL BY-LAW'S PROVISIONS TARGETING "PIT BULL TYPE DOGS"

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Honourable Judge Louis Gouin of the Quebec Superior Court rendered his decision in the lawsuit opposing the City of Montreal concerning the new animal control bylaw. Agreeing with the Montreal SPCA, he ordered the suspension of the sections of the by-law targeting certain breeds, namely those prohibiting the adoption of "pit bull type dogs" and requiring these dogs to be muzzled.

The suspension of the by-law's problematic sections is temporary, until a hearing can be held on the merits, at which time the Superior Court will consider the legality of these very sections. The dates for this hearing have not yet been determined, but it could take several months for the case to be heard.

The fight is far from being over, but we are very pleased with this first victory. We are particularly delighted to be able to continue finding adoptive homes for all of our healthy and behaviorally sound dogs, regardless of their physical appearance.

### CBC NEWS | ANALYSIS

By Benjamin Shingler

**Did Denis Coderre move too quickly on the pit bull bylaw? Montreal mayor's pattern is to act first, deal with fallout later!**

Posted: Oct 04, 7:00 PM ET

Last Updated: Oct 05, 1:34 PM ET

This summer, only 10 days after a Montreal resident, Christiane Vadnais, was fatally mauled by a dog in Pointe-aux-Trembles, Denis Coderre pledged to introduce new rules by September for pit bulls and other dogs deemed dangerous.

At the time, the mayor promised "a balanced approach" that would allow existing owners to keep their pit bulls under certain conditions.

With the city's new bylaw now facing a legal challenge from the SPCA and widespread protests, many are wondering if Coderre succeeded in striking the right balance — or if the bylaw was too hastily prepared.

- [Montreal's new pit-bull bylaw suspended until Wednesday](#)

#### Is breed-specific ban enforceable?

When it comes to pit bulls, debate has swirled around whether there should be a breed-specific ban or whether it would even be enforceable.



Bless, an American Pit Bull Terrier, is treated to a grooming session by Anna Maria Ranieri at Pampered Pets in Montreal. (Graham Hughes/Canadian Press)

The judge at Monday's court hearing of an SPCA bid to have the new rules governing pit bulls suspended had concerns of his own.



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Chief among them is how a "pit bull-type dog" is defined.

"I won't hide from you that in my reading of the bylaw ... I had several questions," Quebec Superior Court Justice Louis Gouin said to the city's legal representative, René Cadieux.

"Are we talking about first generation crosses? Do we go back to the grandparents?"

The city doesn't appear to have an answer to that question.

'If it walks like a duck, if it quacks like a duck, it's got to be a duck.' - *City lawyer René Cadieux on how to identify a pit bull*

In defending the bylaw, Cadieux argued the city shouldn't have to present concrete scientific evidence to support breed-specific legislation, citing an earlier ruling in Ontario.

When pressed to explain how the city will discern which dog is a pit bull, Cadieux offered up one-liners that did little to dispel the perception the rules had been rushed into law.

"If it walks like a duck, if it quacks like a duck, it's got to be a duck," he said.

He added that, when it comes to identifying a pit bull, "It's like pornography. You know it when you see it."

- [Pit bull owners dogged by confusion over how to prove a breed](#)

For many owners, however, the issue remains far from clear.

In the week leading up to Monday's ban, many dog owners still weren't sure how to prove their pet's breed or how registration for a pit bull permit would work.



Demonstrators protest against the pit bull ban before the bylaw was passed in Montreal last month. (Paul Chiasson/Canadian Press)

The Opposition Projet Montréal, which opposed the bylaw, has slammed the Coderre administration for failing to open up the debate over the new rule to public and expert participation.

A second court challenge is also being planned by a Montreal-based coalition of lawyers and experts in animal behaviour.

Even if one of these legal challenges succeeds in seeing Montreal's new bylaw repealed, the Quebec government is working on its own provincial legislation. But it has taken a different approach in rolling it out.

Premier Philippe Couillard assembled a working group prior to laying out his plan and has yet to table any legislation, saying only that the province would likely follow Ontario's lead.

- [What Canadian cities have learned from pit bull bans](#)

## CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF BREED SPECIFIC CONTENT FROM MONTREAL CONTROL BYLAW

### Pit Bull Not Considered a Definable Breed

Toronto, Oct 5, 2016 - As the primary registry for purebred dogs in Canada, the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) maintains records for 175 breeds and "Pit Bull" is not one of them. That's because it doesn't exist. CKC maintains that a "Pit Bull" is not a definable breed of dog and asks the City of Montreal to remove all breed-specific language from its animal control bylaw in favour of well-crafted dangerous dog legislation that targets irresponsible dog owners and any dog that displays dangerous behavior.

"How can you ban something that you can't define?" said Mike Macbeth, renowned international dog show judge. "It is impossible to accurately define a Pit Bull, which is a phenotype or shape, not a breed." Macbeth has expertise with CKC's 175 registered breeds and can also judge more than 330 purebred dog breeds recognized world-wide at national shows.

Unlike purebred dogs, dogs generically termed "Pit Bulls" refer to randomly mixed breed dogs that do not



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have a predictable genetic background or consistent distinguishing characteristics.

The current Montreal animal control bylaw identifies three purebred dogs: the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and the American Pit Bull Terrier. These three breeds are purebred dogs, bred by knowledgeable breeders who are supported and controlled by registries that support ethical breeding practices and:

- promote spay/neuter contracts
- educate puppy purchasers in puppy development, socialization and dog obedience training
- must uniquely identify every puppy they produce.

The only reliable way to identify a purebred dog is through a dog registry like the Canadian Kennel Club. Every purebred dog in Canada registered with the Canadian Kennel Club must be uniquely identified by tattoo or microchip.

Importantly, the CKC Breed Standards should not be used to identify dogs as “pit bulls” for the purpose of enforcing a breed-specific dog law. These standards—a set of guidelines that include size, colour, temperament and activity level—are strictly intended for use by dog show judges for competition, CKC breeders looking to breed to an ideal standard and puppy buyers looking to anticipate predictable breed qualities such as size and temperament. Any attempts to enforce a breed-specific law using these standards would be misguided, misleading and unconstitutional. “The City still has an opportunity to make this right,” said CKC Quebec Board Director, Linda St-Hilaire. “Our meetings with the Province have been encouraging and we hope Montreal will listen before it’s too late.”

CKC ultimately opposes fear-based breed-specific legislation in favour of appropriate dangerous dog legislation that is reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory, in support of responsible dog ownership. We believe that public awareness and education, stronger enforcement of existing bylaws and stiffer penalties for irresponsible owners is more effective at protecting the citizens of Montreal.

For more information, please visit [ckc.ca](http://ckc.ca).



### **MONTREAL SPCA: A SMALL VICTORY IN COURT TODAY**

**Montreal, Oct 3rd** - The Montreal SPCA’s application to suspend the breed-specific provisions of Montreal’s new by-law was heard in Superior Court today. The judge will render his decision at the latest on Wednesday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> but decided to suspend the application of the problematic provisions in the meantime. Any reference to “pit bull type dogs” in the by-law is thus without effect until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

This fight is far from being over, but we remain very grateful for the generous support we have received, both locally and internationally. We will continue fighting for #saferkindercommunities

### **MONTREAL SPCA LAUNCHES LAWSUITE AGAINST THE CITY OF MONTREAL IN RELATION TO NEW BREED-SPECIFIC BY-LAW**

On 28 September, in [Press releases](#), [News](#), by Anita Kapuscinska

**Montreal, September 28th** – Following the adoption yesterday by the Montreal city council of the new animal control by-law targeting specific dog breeds, and in particular, requiring that behaviourally sound, healthy adoptable dogs and puppies be put to death, the Montreal SPCA urgently filed a lawsuit against the city at the Montreal courthouse today. The Application for judicial review and stay filed by the Montreal SPCA aims, first off, to suspend the application of the sections of the by-law targeting “Pit bull type dogs” in



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order to then have these sections declared illegal, null, and without effect by Quebec's Superior Court.

The provisions of the new by-law targeting "Pit bull type dogs" are contrary to several fundamental principles that govern the legality of municipal by-laws. These provisions are, notably:

- Discriminatory in that they create additional and punitive obligations for owners and guardians of "Pit bull type dogs" whereas this category includes dogs who are not, in fact, dangerous
- Vague and imprecise in their definition of "Pit bull type dogs" such that it is impossible to know which dogs fall into this category
- Problematic in terms of procedural fairness in that they fail to include a means to challenge the designation of a dog as a "Pit bull type dog", even if a genetic analysis was to be conducted
- Contrary to article 898.1 of the *Civil Code of Quebec*, which grants animals the status of sentient beings, and to the *Animal Welfare and Safety Act*, both adopted last Dec by the provincial government as part of Bill 54
- Unreasonable in that they treat all "Pit bull type dogs" as dangerous dogs in spite of the fact that there exists no credible evidence to the effect that dogs belonging to this arbitrary category are inherently dangerous.

The Montreal SPCA is represented in this case by Me Marie-Claude St-Amant et Me Sibel Ataogul, two partners at [Melançon, Marceau, Grenier et Sciortino, snc](#), who also sit on the board of directors of the [Association des juristes progressistes](#). The application will be presented before the Superior Court tomorrow, Thursday, September 29th.

For more information on breed-specific legislation, visit [www.kindersafercommunities.com](http://www.kindersafercommunities.com).

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### RELATED STORIES

- [Judges order two-day suspension of Montreal pit bull ban](#)
- [Montreal SPCA to take legal action against new bylaw targeting pit bulls](#)
- [Montreal passes controversial pit bull ban](#)
- [Pit bull that attacked NDG woman not actually pit bull, SPCA says](#)
- [Own a dog or a cat in Montreal? Here's what's next](#)
- [Quebec Order of Veterinarians says vets have right to refuse to euthanize pit bulls](#)
- [Family of Montreal woman mauled by dog wants Quebec-wide pit bull ban](#)
- [How did your councillor vote on Montreal's controversial pit bull bylaw?](#)
- [Montreal dog trainers urge pit bull owners to start muzzle-training](#)

### REGIONAL CONVERSATIONS

#### [Saskatchewan Region – Whitney Weston, Maidstone, SK](#)

Our ASTCC Sanction Match at the Lloydminster Kennel and Obedience Club show was a resounding success! We had excellent prizes, entrants and so much fun! We would like to thank Cassandra for our ribbon design, Chelsey for the help cutting them out, Morgan for her help ring stewarding and with rules, our Zone director and Tracey Kent at CKC, LKOC and Kandie Kroonen for judging for us and making it so fun!

Our next match is planned for [Prince Albert Kennel and Obedience Club, Friday, Nov 25](#) and we hope to see you all there!

We are now watching with sullen hearts as Montreal has passed one of the most awful pieces of dog legislation we have ever seen. We encourage everyone fully to support them financially and email city counsellors appropriately to allow our feelings to be known!

Looking forward to more updates!  
Whitney



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### UP COMING SHOW/EVENT LISTINGS

Shows available for entering now.

**Note:** When entering shows in Ontario/Quebec/Manitoba please check with the Show Secretary regarding Breed restrictions

| Official Show Name                        | First Day of Show | Official Show Closing |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Ontario Lure Coursing Association         | Sat, Oct 08       | Thu, Oct 06           |
| Belleville & District Kennel Club         | Fri, Oct 21       | Wed, Oct 05           |
| Battle River Canine Association           | Fri, Oct 21       | Wed, Oct 05           |
| Saluki Club Of Canada - Chase Events      | Sat, Oct 22       | Thu, Oct 20           |
| Earth Dog Association - Earthdog Tests    | Sun, Oct 23       | Wed, Oct 19           |
| Trafalgar Dog Sports - Obed & Rally       | Wed, Oct 26       | Fri, Oct 14           |
| Trillium Dog Fanciers & Specialties       | Fri, Oct 28       | Wed, Oct 12           |
| Muskoka District - Obed & Rally           | Sat, Oct 29       | Fri, Oct 14           |
| Island Dog Club                           | Sat, Oct 29,      | Wed, Oct 12           |
| Ottawa Valley Golden Retriever- Obedience | Sat, Oct 29       | Tue, Oct 11           |
| K-W Kennel Club - Obedience               | Wed, Nov 02       | Wed, Oct 19           |
| Poodle Club Of Canada - Obed & Rally      | Fri, Nov 04       | Mon, Oct 24           |
| Red Deer & District Kennel Club           | Thu, Nov 03       | Wed, Oct 12           |
| United Kennel Club, Inc.                  | Fri, Nov 04       | Tue, Oct 18           |
| United Kennel Club - Obedience & Rally    | Fri, Nov 04       | Tue, Oct 18           |
| Elsie Murray & Ladies Kc                  | Fri, Nov 04       | Wed, Oct 19           |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Credit Valley Kennel & Obed Club      | Sat, Nov 05 | Wed, Oct 19 |
| Wheat City Kennel Club Inc.           | Fri, Nov 11 | Tue, Oct 25 |
| Georgina Kennel & Obed Club           | Fri, Nov 11 | Tue, Nov 01 |
| Georgina K&O Club - Obedience & Rally | Fri, Nov 11 | Tue, Nov 01 |
| Moncton Kennel Club & Specialties     | Fri, Nov 11 | Mon, Oct 24 |
| Golden Retriever Atlantic Specialty   | Sat, Nov 12 | Mon, Oct 24 |
| Maritime Toy Dog Club                 | Sat, Nov 12 | Fri, Oct 21 |
| Maritime Spectacular                  | Sat, Nov 12 | Mon, Oct 31 |
| Lethbridge & District Kennel Club     | Fri, Nov 18 | Mon, Oct 31 |
| Newfound (All Breed) Kennel Club      | Sat, Nov 19 | Fri, Nov 04 |
| Caledon Kennel Association            | Fri, Nov 25 | Wed, Nov 09 |
| Elora Gorge Kennel Club               | Tue, Dec 27 | Mon, Dec 12 |

For other events please see the event calendar at Canuck Dogs @ <http://canuckdogs.com> or DogShow @ <http://DogShow.ca>.



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### MEMBER'S UPDATE

#### ASTCC Website IS LIVE

The website will perform many key activities for the club. It will interface with the members by providing contact information, addresses, and other essential information for members. URL: [ASTCC.CA](http://ASTCC.CA)



#### Rank #2



#### **GCh Chargers Gazella All For Glory (M)**

GP1 – 4, GP2 – 2, GP3 – 7, GP4 – 8,  
Total Point(s) – 256

### MEMBER'S BRAGS

#### Canada Conformation

The following stats are taken from [Canuckdogs.ca](http://Canuckdogs.ca), last update Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Best of Breed Points Current to August 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Rank #1



#### **Ch Michl R I Only Dates Models (M)**

GP1 – 6, GP2 – 11, GP3 – 7, GP4 – 5,  
Total Point(s) – 562

#### Rank #3



#### **GCH Prairie Moon's Mega Man (M)**

GP2 – 2, GP3-3, GP4-4  
Total Point(s) – 109



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Rank #4



**CH LBK's Release The Kraken (M)**  
GP1-1, GP2 - 2, GP4 - 1  
Total Point(s) - 86

Rank #6



**CH Roadhouse's Life of the Party (M)**  
GP1-1, GP3-1, GP4-1  
Total Point(s) - 65

Rank #5



**Prairie Moon Legend of Zelda (F)**  
GP2 - 2, GP3 - 2, GR4 - 5  
Total Point(s) - 69

Rank #7



**Alpine's Ring Of Fire (M)**  
GP2 - 1, GP4 - 1  
Total Point(s) - 48



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Rank #8



**GCH Blue Nile's Just The Way You Are (F)**

Total Point(s) – 4

Rank #8

**Fraja EC Ticket To Party (F) – No Picture**

GP4-1

Total Point(s) – 4

Rank #10



**CH Marauders Revolution (M)**

Total Point(s) – 3

### International Title



**Can/Intl Ch Mjr Ptd in the U.S. Marauders Hey Jude "Jude"**

All Terrier Club of Western Washington, June 10 – 12  
 BOW/OS/BOBOH on Friday under Judge Ann Hearn  
 OS/BOBOH on Saturday under Norman Patton  
 BW/B/BOBOH/OHG1 on Sunday under Judges Lynne Myall and Bill Lee

### Working Titles

Formal Obedience: Congratulations to Angela and Chianti on their 1<sup>st</sup> leg in CDX (high in class).

**Divinity's Chianti Superiore, Owner Angela Gilbert**  
 Points – 4 / Average Score 189.00



Other titles: TD, UTD, RE, PCD, CD, CGN, BAJ, CDN1T, CDI-1, AIOC CD

For members who are interested in profiling their working title achievements with their AMStaff please send your name, dog's name, working title achievement and picture (obedience, rally, scenting, etc) to Linda Kool at [koolbert@telus.net](mailto:koolbert@telus.net) for the next newsletter.



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### GENERAL MEETING

Upcoming General Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM (MST). Further details will be sent one week prior to the meeting.

### WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS

Below is a listing of our members by province.

#### BC Member(s)

Dawne Deeley, Sidney, BC  
Nancy Halford, Maple Ridge, BC  
Angela Gilbert, Courtenay, BC  
April Perrin, Quesnel, BC

#### AB Member(s)

Jaida Lee Cooper, Leduc, AB  
Ron Hiebert & Linda Kool, Okotoks, AB  
Bryan and Lisa McLellan, Langdon, AB  
Lisa Wysminity, Tofield, AB

#### SK Member(s)

Whitney Weston, Maidstone, SK

#### ON Member(s)

Lori Gray, Alliston, ON  
Diane Duffy, Gravenhurst, ON

#### NB Member(s)

Sonya Lee, Fredericton, NB

#### NFLD Member(s)

Leeann O'Reilly, Brook, NFL

#### NS Member(s)

Cathy Prothro, Dartmouth, NS

### WHO ARE OUR OFFICERS/EXECUTIVES

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### MEMBERSHIP REFERRALS

We are looking for only the most responsible and dedicated owners and fanciers to promote the versatility of the American Staffordshire Terrier, through conformation, obedience, agility, therapy work, etc.

Because of the distance of our membership there will be no formal meetings. Communication will be through our quarterly newsletters, articles, letters, website (coming soon), and pictures are welcome. If you know, of someone who would benefit by joining our club please let us know, or have them fill out the membership application form and send to Linda Kool, our Secretary at [koolbert@telus.net](mailto:koolbert@telus.net).

#### Annual Dues

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Individual membership       | \$25.00 |
| Family membership           | \$40.00 |
| Youth Membership (under 18) | \$15.00 |

### ADVERTISING RATES

| Ad            | Members | Non-Members |
|---------------|---------|-------------|
| Full Page     | \$15.00 | \$25.00     |
| Half Page     | \$10.00 | \$15.00     |
| Quarter Page  | \$5.00  | 10.00       |
| Business Card | Free    | \$5.00      |
| Announcements | Free    | \$5.00      |
| Whelping Box  | Free    | \$5.00      |
| Braggs        | Free    | Free        |

#### **Yearly Contract (4 issues)**

|                |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Full Page      | \$30.00 | \$50.00 |
| Half Page      | \$20.00 | \$30.00 |
| Quarterly Page | \$10.00 | \$15.00 |
| Business Card  | Free    | \$10.00 |

**Send ads and subscriptions to:** Linda Kool, Secretary  
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### **OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER ISSUE DATES**

The following deliverable dates for our 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly newsletters will be;

- Regional Director's Input – Dec 12<sup>th</sup>
- Members Input – Dec 15<sup>th</sup>
- Release of Newsletter – Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

If you have any information you would like to have inserted in the Newsletter please provide it to your Regional Director by email prior to the date above.

### **ASTCC NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the ASTCC Newsletter Committee, we hope you have enjoyed reading and receiving an update from the club.