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September 30, 2007

Billie Deam, DVM  
Animal Clinic of Boardwalk Square  
6302 NW Barry Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64154

Dear Dr. Deam:

Earlier this year, the Gladstone City Council passed Ordinance No. 4.022. This ordinance contains new regulations regarding dangerous dogs. My wife and I are alarmed at the inclusion of English Bull Terrier breed of dog as a "pit bull", and the resulting designation as a "dangerous animal".

We researched several breeds of dogs over the course of many years before we decided to add a pet to our family. We are active members of the Bull Terrier Club of America, the Bull Terrier Club of St. Louis, and volunteer for the Topeka Kennel Club (all breed club). Our family did the research that responsible people should do before choosing a pet and followed up with 16 weeks of obedience training. Two members of the current Gladstone City Council voted for breed specific legislation based what they described as "media coverage". We believe that if they understand that English Bull Terriers are not pit bulls, we may have a chance to continue our family involvement with this breed. We are not breeders, just breed fanciers that enjoy including our children in Bull Terrier Club activities across the Midwest.

We have attended many City Council meetings and have also met with Animal Control officers to clarify that English Bull Terriers are not pit bulls.

Mayor Les Smith has stated that if our family is able to give proof that English Bull Terriers should not be included in the dangerous animal ordinance, then the City Council would consider removing them.

We would be grateful if you were able to provide a letter to the Gladstone City Council, on our behalf, based on what you know about this breed.

Sincerely,



Kirk and Kim Forslund



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April 13, 2007

City of Gladstone

To Whom It May Concern:

As you probably know, the city of Independence has recently passed a breed specific ban on Pit bull type dogs. The legislation chosen to be adopted in our city does not include the Bull Terrier. This breed can be physically differentiated very easily from Pit bull terriers, Staffordshire terriers and their type.

In our experience, we would not consider Bull Terriers to be aggressive dogs. As with any breed, aggression can occur in individual dogs for a variety of reasons. We urge you to reconsider grouping this breed with Pit bull and Staffordshire terriers.

Sincerely,

  
Rick Schrock, DVM  
and Staff

# Shoal Creek

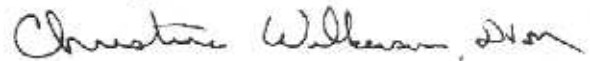
## Animal Hospital and Lodge

April 4, 2007

Dear Gladstone City Council;

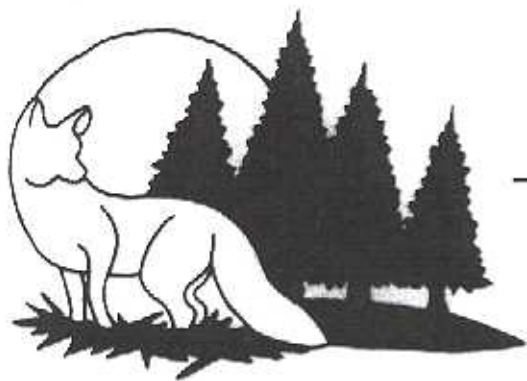
I am writing on behalf of a client in regards to Gladstone's current dangerous animal restrictions. I have read Ordinance NO. 4.022 and question the necessity of including the Bull Terrier breed of dog in the grouping of dogs known as "Pit Bulls". The Bull Terrier is represented in today's society as the lovable dog used in the Target ads. It has been my experience with my Bull Terrier patients that they are energetic and friendly. This is a far cry from the menacing, aggressive, dangerous dogs that irresponsible owner's have managed to create, known as the Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Pit Bull. I can only speak from my experience, but know that the Bull Terrier is a very social breed. I would ask that you reconsider its grouping in your definition of dangerous dogs of the "Pit Bull Breeds."

Sincerely,



Christina Wilkerson, DVM

  
Garry J. Rokey, DVM



## Foxwood Animal Hospital


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2 October 2007  
City of Gladstone

To whom it may concern:

It is my opinion that the Bull Terrier breed should not be included in a breed ban ordinance. While they are strongly built and muscular, they are amenable to discipline and are usually very loving companions to their families. Those that I have seen in my nearly forty years of practice have all been nice patients to work with. Their generally friendly demeanor separates them from the other "pitbull" types.

Sincerely,  
  
Garry J. Rokey, DVM



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October 15th, 2007

City of Gladstone, Missouri

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Ordinance No. 4.022 as to including Bull Terriers with Pit Bulls and Staffordshire Terriers. I have several Bull Terriers in my practice and they are not an aggressive breed. They are loving and friendly. They do not even look similar to Pit Bulls and should not be mistaken for one. I strongly recommend that the English Bull Terrier not be included in this ban.

Sincerely,

James Cupp DVM





October 2, 2007

FYI

Mayor Les Smith  
City of Gladstone  
Gladstone City Hall  
7010 No. Holmes  
Gladstone, MO 64118

Dear Mayor Smith:

I have been asked to write to you regarding the inclusion of English Bull Terriers in the designation of "pit bulls" and "dangerous dogs" in Ordinance No. 4.022.

Today's Bull Terriers are not considered aggressive fighting dogs. To quote the 1999 Edition of the *ASPCA Guide To Dogs*, "Bull Terriers are sweet, energetic, playful dogs that require a lot of attention and love to frolic with their families." They are a distinctly different breed from the Staffordshire Terrier or American Pit Bull Terrier.

As a veterinarian, I would recommend they not be included with "pit bulls" in your ordinance's designated "dangerous dogs."

Sincerely,

Billie D. Deam, DVM

October 12, 2007

Antioch Dog & Cat Hospital P.C.  
5200 NE Vivion Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64119

To Gladstone City Council:

I am writing on behalf of Kirk and Kim Forslund. The Ordinance NO. 4.022 that is in question with regards of adding Bull Terriers to the list of dangerous dogs. It is my experience that Bull Terriers are loving and energetic animals that make great family pets. To add this breed in the same list with Pit Bulls would be out of character for this breed. I would like for you to take this in to consideration before making your final decision to add Bull Terriers to the "dangerous animal" list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael L. Hodgson, DVM". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Michael L. Hodgson, DVM  
And staff of Antioch Dog & Cat Hospital P.C.