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If I could choose any recognized AKC breed it would be an American Staffordshire Terrier. I would choose American staffordshire terriers because they are the most loving, caring, loyal, and brave dogs. Most people think that they are scary and intimidating only because of the news about how American Pitbull terriers are attacking people for no reason, but staffordshire terriers and pitbulls are two different breeds of dogs. I'm not trying to bash on pitbull's i just feel like they have the same exact reputations just because they look similar, Staffordshire terriers are really devoted and gentle creatures if people would actually give them a chance and give them a nice home to live in instead of being frightened by them.

Nowadays people are getting puppies instead of adults because they think that it will reduce the chance of getting a non-aggressive dog when it's older, but the truth is when puppies age and mature that is when their personality starts to show more. A lot of bad people are using Staffordshire terriers for dog fights all of a sudden to make money, when you teach your dog/puppy to attack other dogs for no reason they won't be able to go outside when kids or dogs are out because in their mind they think that it's ok to hurt everything that's moving.

Today, police are starting to use staffordshire terriers more often as k9 dogs and blind/deaf people are using them for service dogs a lot now, it puts a smile on my face when I see happy people working with happy dogs. One myth most people think is that Staffordshire terriers and Pitbulls are inherently dangerous and violent, but that's just not the case they may look muscular and scary but they are actually great family dogs if you treat them right. Staffordshire terriers are banned in many areas of countries like Spain, ireland (Have restrictions on the ownership- Must be 16 years or older to own, be licensed, Staffordshire terriers must be walked on no longer than two meters or shorter leash, and must be muzzled), Romania, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, Bermuda Islands, portugal, Singapore, Russia, and Ukraine.

Many American Staffordshire Terriers are homeless because people either abandoned them or they surrender them to kill shelters which you can already suspect what will happen to them when no one saves them. That is why I have a very strong love for Staffordshire terriers and Pitbull terriers.