

## GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE OWNERS PARTICIPATING IN PIT BULLS ON PARADE

\*\*\*\*\*A must read for anyone planning to bring a dog!\*\*\*\*\*

Please keep our goal in mind as you read the guidelines below:

This is a unique opportunity to combat the constant negative publicity and sensationalism that surrounds our beloved dogs. Our goal is to present a positive image of pit bulls as wonderful, well mannered and friendly companion dogs.

1. All breeds are welcome to attend. Pit bulls don't discriminate based on breed. One dog per handler; please bring a reliable handler if you want to bring a second dog.
2. Please do not bring intact dogs. The tremendous overpopulation of pit bulls is one of the greatest issues facing our favorite breed today. There are simply not enough good homes for the numbers of dogs being bred either purposely or accidentally.
3. Please, please only bring your dog if he/she is well mannered on leash and comfortable in a crowd of people and other dogs. If your dog is reactive, jumpy or especially timid, then he/she should probably stay home. Friendly strangers of all shapes, sizes and color will hopefully stop to pet our dogs and chat about the breed.
4. Please respect space and boundaries between dogs. This event is not a social play date between dogs. Some dogs attending the event are potentially dog aggressive and should not greet each other. The last thing we need is a dogfight or just a minor scuffle to reinforce the stereotype. I can't stress this enough so please be aware of your surroundings during the entire walk.
5. Please make sure your dog is equipped with a sturdy and secure collar or harness and 4-6 ft. leash. Absolutely no retractable leashes! Seriously.
6. Keep in mind there will be various distractions along the walk and your dog needs to remain fairly calm throughout. Examples include humans with dogs who bark-n-lunge at our dogs; things on wheels like baby strollers, skateboards, scooters and bicycles; wildlife like ducks.
7. If this particular setting sounds too stressful for your dog, then please still attend without a dog. It's still a great opportunity to chat with people about the breed. They don't need to know why you left your dog at home.
8. Please bring a water supply for your dog and doggie waste bags to scoop the poop. There are plenty of trash receptacles along the way.
9. Humans are encouraged to don their favorite Pit Bull wear on the day of the event.
10. If your dog is comfortable wearing a doggie t-shirt, a costume or a silly collar, then go for it.

If you have any reservations about your dog attending, please don't hesitate to contact us with questions. Seriously! **To sign-up email Pauline: [phouliaras@yahoo.com](mailto:phouliaras@yahoo.com); please include your name, your dog's name and a cell phone number we can text if anything comes up Sunday morning.**

\*\*Anyone under 18 years of age who is interested in participating with a dog must be accompanied by a responsible adult, parent or legal guardian.