**Pit Bulls Being Put Down**

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Some pit bull owners have had enough. One animal clinic is experiencing a lot of walk in's from owners asking one unusual question.

Here's Insight's BreAnna Boyd with more on this story.

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**Reporter Track 1 »**

It very well may be one of the most heavily debated topics among pet owners.

Animal Euthanasia is usually due to painful diseases, or a lack of life support for the animal, but some pet owners are voluntarily choosing this means as a way out.

Michael Simmons is an owner of three pit bulls.

He originally had four but was forced to put one down due to vicious attacks.

The pit bull attacked a total of 11 people in 2010.

Simmons claims the dog got out of the backyard and attacked on sight.

Since the dog was put down, he enjoys spending time with his three pit bulls that he raised.

He says they are great dogs that aren't vicious as long as they are properly trained.

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**Michael Simmons /Pitbull Owner »**

["I feel like they're loveable pets and animals. My pets are not vicious at all."]

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**Reporter Track 2 »**

One animal clinic is getting a large number of walk ins from pit bull owners.

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["Here at Pope Animal Clinic, owners are dropping off their pit bulls to be put down because they claim that they are vicious dogs."]

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**Reporter Track 3 »**

Pope animal clinic is having people walk in with documents stating that their pit bull attacked people and they now want the dogs put down.

Doctors have to evidence of vicious attacks from the owners before they can legally be put down.

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**Dr. Mitchell /Veterinarian »**

["I won't put them to sleep for that unless they've bitten somebody and are very vicious."]

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**Reporter Track 4 »**

Once it's time, doctor's use injectable anesthetic drugs.

A huge overdose of the drug is injected, to where the animal becomes unconscious.

The drug causes the brain to depress and respiratory and circulatory systems shut down.

Some pit bull owners are afraid, but there are still some that keep hope alive. I’m BreAnna Boyd, reporting…East Memphis.

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