



# TOWNSHIP OF KING

## **Notice to all Owners of Pit Bulls Changes to the Dog Owners' Liability Act (D.O.L.A.)**

The Public Safety Related to Dogs Statute Amendment Act came into force on August 29, 2005.

The legislation is applicable to all breeds of dogs but does have specific regulations for Owners of pit bulls.

A pit bull includes a Pit Bull Terrier, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, an American Staffordshire Terrier, an American Pit Bull Terrier and any dog that has the appearance and physical characteristics that are substantially similar to those dogs referred to above.

Effective October 28, 2005, all pit bulls must be leashed and muzzled when off their owner's property and the leash cannot be longer than 1.8 metres in length.

In Addition, unless the pit bull is designated as a "show dog" it must be sterilized before October 28, 2005.

If your pit bull attacks or bites another domestic animal or person or is found in contravention of any part of the D.O.L.A., a proceeding may be commenced under Part 1X of the *Provincial Offences Act* and if the owner is found in contravention, the Court shall order the destruction of the pit bull.

For complete details on the Dog Owners Liability Act go to  
[www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca)