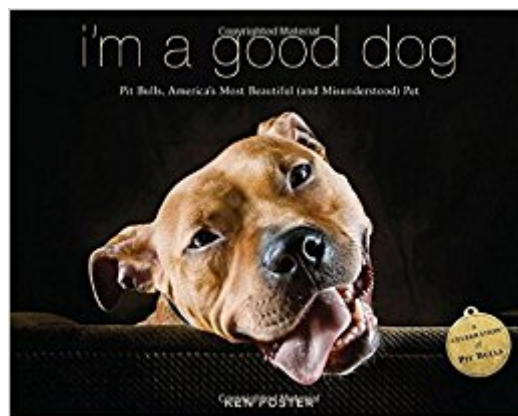




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# I'm A Good Dog: Pit Bulls, America's Most Beautiful (and Misunderstood) Pet



## Synopsis

Filled with inspiring stories and photographs, this heartfelt tribute to the pit bull celebrates one of America's most popular yet misunderstood dogs. Perhaps more than any other breed, the pit bull has been dogged by negative stereotypes. In truth, pit bulls are innately wonderful family pets, as capable of love and good deeds as any other type of dog. Setting the record straight, Ken Foster sings the praises of pit bulls in *I Am a Good Dog*, a gorgeously illustrated, tenderly written tribute to this most misunderstood of canines. Founder of the Sula Foundation, which promotes responsible pit bull ownership in New Orleans, and the author of two acclaimed books about abandoned dogs, Foster has made it his mission to bring overlooked canines into the limelight. *I Am a Good Dog* traces the fascinating history of this particularly maligned breed. A century ago, the pit bull was considered a family dog, featured in family photos and trusted as loving companions for children. More recently, pit bulls have been portrayed by the media as stereotypes of everything they are not. Foster shatters that reputation through moving profiles of pit bulls that serve as therapy dogs, athletic heroes, search-and-rescue dogs, and educators, not to mention as loving pets. Foster also profiles many pit bull lovers, from Helen Keller and Dr. Seuss to actor Todd Cerveris, who took his pit bull on tour with him for the musical *Spring Awakening*. Proving that there's much to love and nothing to fear, *I Am a Good Dog* restores the pit bull to its rightful place as friend, family member, athlete and entertainer.

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"Fellow pit bull lovers, this is a brilliant bible of the glorious, gorgeous terriers."--Rainn Wilson,

star of *The Office*—“A beautiful book about some of the most beautiful and big-hearted dogs in the world—dogs who’ve been misunderstood and discriminated against for far too long. Ken Foster and his rescue work are a gift to animals and people alike. Everyone should read *I’m a Good Dog* to learn the truth about pit bulls, and celebrate them.”—Rebecca Skloot, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*—“Pit bulls have a true champion in Ken Foster, whose devotion to these unjustly maligned dogs has already saved many of them. I admire his knowledgeable campaign on behalf of these dogs, and as someone whose life has been improved by knowing pit bulls, I recommend this insightful, loving and compelling book about the magnificent dogs whose loyalty and forgiving natures are an inspiration.”—Amy Hempel, author of *The Collected Stories of Amy Hempel*—“Ken Foster’s *I’m a Good Dog* is the definitive book on the dog that’s been so hard to define, the misunderstood pit bull. Visually stunning images are surrounded by Ken’s magical dog stories; this book is a gift, and one I’ll be giving many times.”—Julie Klam, author of *You Had Me at Woof*

A writer and teacher, Ken Foster is the author of the bestseller *The Dogs Who Found Me* and its sequel, *Dogs I Have Met*. His collection of short stories, *The Kind I’m Likely to Get*, was a New York Times Notable Book. His work has been featured in *Salon*, *Time Out New York*, *The New York Times Book Review*, and other publications. He lives in New Orleans with his dogs Brando, Zephyr, Douglas, and Bananas.

I am so glad someone finally wrote a book like this. I have a pit bull and he is the nicest dog in the world. Someone dropped him off in front of our house on the coldest day of the year and I watched him circle the intersection for an hour and finally called him over to the door and gave him a hotdog and a piece of cheese. He sat on the front porch looking in the window. Our cat sat in the window looking out at him. I wondered what would happen if I let him in. When my husband got home we let him into the garage and fed him some kibble we borrowed from the neighbor next door. He was a beautiful Brindle color and maybe 6 months old. We finally let him into the kitchen. We blocked off the doorway with a card table and he spent the night in the warm kitchen while the cat watched him through a crack. They made friends and the next day we took away the cardtable and let her go into the kitchen to see him. They became the best of buddies and he has been the best dog we have ever had. So loving, so good. You show me a bad dog and I have to look no farther than its owner for the cause. Enough of all this bad publicity. These are great dogs. Thanks for writing this book. I

loved it.

Super cute pics of the most beautiful little friends you could ever want. Book does a great service to combat all the dumb misinformation and media frenzy about Pit-type pups. Pits aren't for everyone because they are quite zesty and can have big personalities, so if you are a purse-dog type, you suck and live in a bubble. Get a real dog! Anyway, these babies have a lust for life and live to serve their families, and you can see plenty of smiles - humans AND bullies - in this book.

Reading this makes my heart sing. And I fall in love all over again with my precious pit baby!

Finally, a book that does them justice ! We rescued two young Pit Bulls years ago. The now two old girls are the sweetest dogs we have had over the years.

A dog is a dog. Any dog from any breed can be either friendly or aggressive. We hear the media hype about Pit bull dogs being aggressive and the horror story. This book will balance that by presenting a description of a grouping of dogs known as "Pit bulls" that will melt your heart. There are millions of people who own pit bull dogs and have never experienced the dog doing something horrible. Many of these have been loyal companions who have helped their owners live life better because of them. This book will renew the conviction of owners and yet may also inspire those who think that all these type of dogs are "bad" to walk away realizing that there is a good dog here in many owners' homes.

Lovely photos and stories.

I love my pit-pull. HE IS A GOOD DOG. He is my boy.

a very happy book for those of us who love the pit bull, with its passion for life and emotional depth. i hope this book gets read by those misinformed about these dogs because Foster's enthusiasm and wonder about pit bulls is contagious. great photos, too.

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