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## PIT BULLS BREED controversy

Some pit bulls are affectionate and amazing pets. Some are overt menaces. Others are ticking time bombs. Advocates will point out that it's not a dog's breed that leads to attacks, but how it's raised.

Proper nurturing is undoubtedly important but doesn't tell the whole story. "Nurture" is intertwined with "nature" (genetics). For example, some dog breeders focus predominantly on physical appearance, not temperament. Backyard breeders, puppy mills, and pet stores (frequently supplied by mills) don't help either. Also, some pit bulls are bred too young, before aggressive dispositions become fully apparent. That trait gets carried to the next generation.

The term "pit bull" encompasses three distinct, related breeds — American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, and Staffordshire bull terrier — along with mixes. Pit bulls are not more likely to bite than other dogs, but when they do, they make it count.

Pit bulls frequently target the head and neck. If they latch onto a limb, their teeth sink deep into muscle tissue and bone. Although their jaws don't "lock" (a myth), a pit bull's size, grip strength, and tenacity often result in permanent, disfiguring injuries ... and sometimes death.

Fourteen peer-reviewed medical studies spanning 2011 to 2020 from level 1 trauma centers nationwide all found that pit bulls inflicted the most injuries of any dog breed. Injuries requiring surgical intervention were at five times the rate of the next-closest breed.

On average, 37 U.S. deaths per year are attributable to canine attacks. A 15-year study (2005-2019) conducted by dogsbite.org found pit bulls accounted for roughly 66% of fatal attacks; rottweilers were second at 10%. Nearly half of victims were under 9 years of age.

If someone's dog injures you through no fault of your own, contact **Corradino & Papa** to attain rightful compensation. ■



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# ALL-IMPORTANT jury selection



The vast majority of personal injury cases (95%) are settled out of court. That means 5% still go to trial, and one factor has the potential to decide a case before the trial even begins: jury selection.

The facts of a case, witnesses, attorney skill, and likeability all impact case outcomes, but the importance of jury selection cannot be overstated. A process called voir dire kicks off the proceedings.

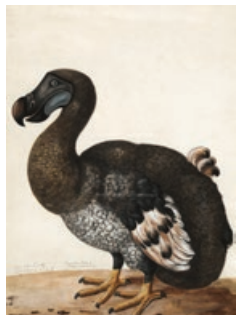
In voir dire, plaintiff and defense attorneys are given the opportunity to question potential jurors to determine their biases, explore past experiences, and appeal to their consciences. (In some states, voir dire is limited to finding out if a potential juror has connections with either party.) The voir dire process is the only time attorneys can have back-and-forth conversations with potential jurors and establish rapport. Direct addresses to the jury at trial are one-way conversations: opening statement, closing statement, rebuttal.

Attorneys can seek to excuse a prospective juror from the jury pool for “just cause.” A judge may grant the request if he/she agrees that the juror is highly likely to be biased toward one side. Attorneys also have a limited number of “peremptory strikes” that can be used to remove someone from the jury pool without explanation — e.g., just a hunch that a prospective juror would be a thorn in their side. Bottom line, each side is pushing for a favorable jury to reach their desired outcome.

**Corradino & Papa** is ALWAYS prepared to go to trial when a fair settlement cannot be reached. We will utilize our skill and experience to select a favorable jury, win your case, and maximize your recovery. ■

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# happy bird day to you!



May 4 is Bird Day, so let's commemorate the poster child for recently extinct species — the dodo bird. The last one left us in approximately 1680, which is recent when talking eons.

Dodos lived in splendor on the island country of Mauritius, which lies approximately 500 miles east of Madagascar. The island had abundant food supplies and no natural dodo enemies. Humans didn't set foot on the island until 1505.

In the lap of luxury, the dodo grew heavier — it could reach 30 inches in height and 35 to 50 pounds, twice the size of a wild turkey.

Since flying wasn't a critical need and takes a lot of energy, the dodo eventually lost that ability (evolution at work). Its nests were also on the ground. But fearless and flightless did not serve the dodo well when the Portuguese landed.

Dodos were, shall we say, sitting ducks for hunters. Accompanying the European arrivals were cats, pigs, and monkeys along with stowaway rats. These animal interlopers killed dodos, pilfered dodo eggs, and squeezed their food supply. In less than two centuries, the dodo went from living it up to not living at all. A stunning reversal of fortune.

Recent advances in DNA sequencing, gene-editing technology, and synthetic biology have spurred an attempt by researchers to reintroduce the dodo, similar to the current woolly mammoth and Tasmanian tiger projects. But others argue that the money would be better spent on protecting the 400+ bird species presently on the endangered list. ■

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# spotlight of the month



Penny is an 8 year old English bulldog that is part of Maria P. family. They got her from Maria's mom in North Carolina when she was 10 months old. Penny is a very important member of their family. She likes lounging, napping, playing and eating. Life has been so much fun having her around. ■

*Penny*



## riding under the stars

### MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

Riding a motorcycle at night can be exhilarating: fresh air, stars, moonlight, less traffic, etc. But safety-wise, it's trickier, too.

Obviously, visibility is hindered — nothing lights up the landscape quite like sunshine. That means less time to react to road hazards. Potholes, downed branches, wet leaves, manhole covers, loose gravel, puddles, ice patches, and dead animals are frequently more hazardous to motorcyclists than motorists, given motorcycles are less stable and riders way more exposed. Streetlights and oncoming headlights might create glare or be blinding, too.



Temperature fluctuations after dark can also impair visibility. For instance, fog could cause condensation on a rider's visor, windshield, and rearview mirrors; applying antifog solution is wise. Falling roadway temperatures can also reduce tire traction.

Motorcyclists are already behind the eight ball when it comes to being seen. Make sure all reflective gear and equipment are up to speed and all lights in good working order.

Nightfall also ushers in an upswing in drunk drivers who have exited bars, restaurants, parties, and barbecues. Driving under the influence puts everyone on the road at risk, especially motorcyclists.

Nocturnal creatures may scamper or mosey across roadways. Some freeze in the headlights of an approaching vehicle, as their eyes need time to adjust from complete darkness to sudden illumination.

After a long day, drowsiness might overtake motorists and cyclists alike, which is as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. Reaction time, judgment, and awareness are compromised, and if a driver nods off....

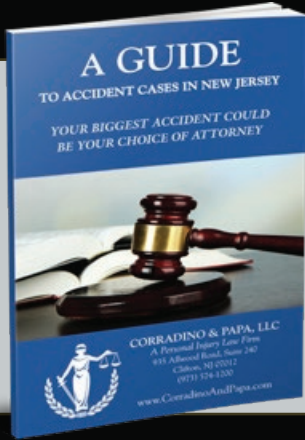
If you are injured due to the negligence of another driver, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to protect your rights. ■

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### May 2023 – Mark Your Calendars

May 4 — National Day of Prayer    May 5 — Cinco de Mayo    May 6 — Kentucky Derby    May 14 — Mother's Day  
May 19 — Bike to Work Day    May 26 — Sally Ride Day    May 29 — Memorial Day





## FREE BOOK

Get Jack Corradino and Robert Papa's *New Ultimate Guide to Accident Cases in NJ*, written by Jack and RC. It will explain "Why your biggest accident could be your choice of attorney", and what to do in the event you are injured.

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**Quote of the Month:** "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." —Mark Twain

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## GINA'S HOMEMADE cannolis recipe

### Ingredients

- 8 cannoli shells, homemade or store bought
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar, plus extra for dusting
- 3/4 cup mini chocolate chips, divided
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

### Optional:

- 2 teaspoons fresh orange zest

### Directions

1. Place the ricotta cheese into a fine mesh strainer and place it in the fridge to drain for at least 12 hours and up to 24 hours.

### When you're ready to make the filling:

1. In a large bowl combine the drained ricotta cheese, confectioners' sugar, 1/4 cup of the mini chocolate chips, vanilla extract, and orange zest (if using); mix well. Using a spatula, carefully scrape the mixture into pastry bag fitted with a 1/2 inch open tip. Use at once, or refrigerate until needed; filling can be made up to 24 hours in advance.
2. When ready to serve, pipe the filling into one end of cannoli shell, filling shell halfway, then pipe into other end. If you don't have a piping bag, you may spoon the filling into the shells. Repeat with remaining shells.
3. Place remaining mini chocolate chips on a small plate. Dip each end of the cannoli into the chocolate chips, then lightly dust with confectioner's sugar. Serve at once.

### NOTES

The filling may be made and stored in the fridge for up to 24 hours. Once the cannoli shells have been filled, serve them right away. Cannolis are best eaten the day they are made. ENJOY! ■

