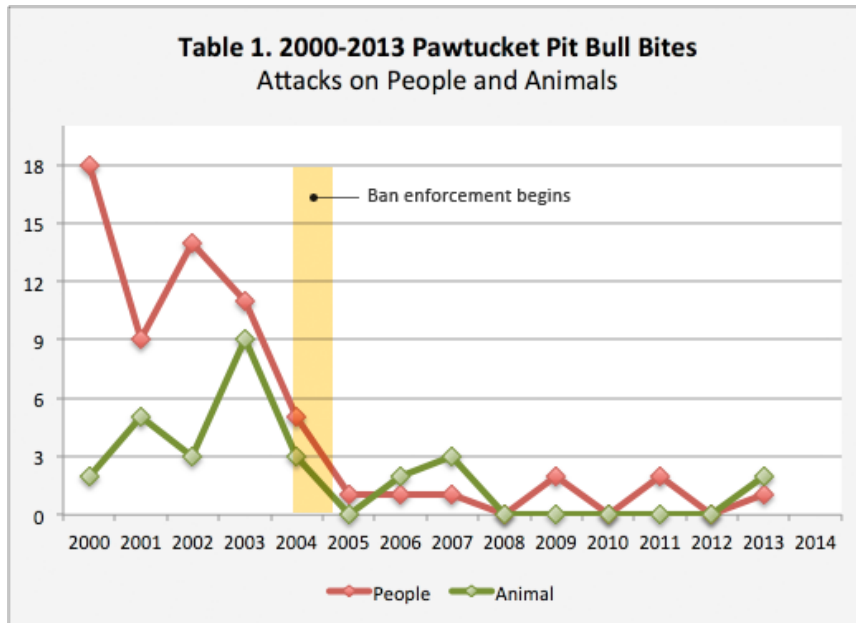
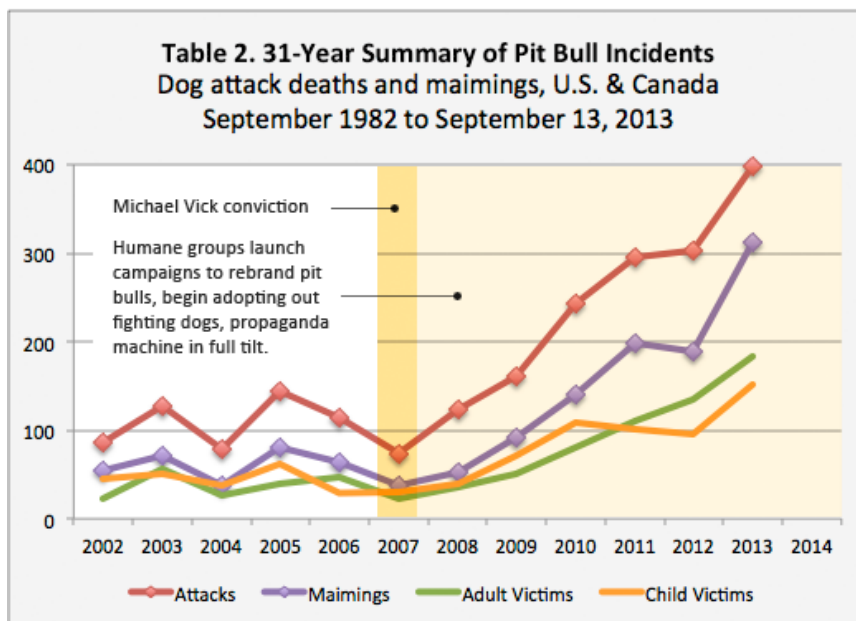


Pawtucket Pit Bull Bites Pre- and During Ban Years

These graphic charts created by DogsBite.org display the radical reduction of pit bull bites in Pawtucket [after ban enforcement began](#), versus national statistics of severe bodily injury attacks inflicted by pit bulls collected by Animals 24-7 over a similar time period. Table 2 is based on "Pit bull & pit mix trends, 1982-present," a subsection of: Dog attack deaths and maimings, U.S. & Canada September 1982 to September 13, 2013, by Merritt Clifton, editor of *Animals 24-7*.



In 2013, state legislators adopted a [preemption law](#) that bars municipalities from enacting breed-specific laws. During the years of the ban (2004 to 2013) there was an average of 2.3 pit bull bites annually. That increased over a 10-fold to 23.2 bites annually by 2019, greater than even the pre-ban years.



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