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Press Release - For Immediate Release

**Rise in Attacks Calls for Regulation of Pit Bulls:
A Woman's Story**

Decatur, IL - Today Barbara Brooks and Bill Faber will speak at the Decatur City Council meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. They will urge the Council to enact a new ordinance to regulate ownership of pit bull dogs.

In September 2005 a pit bull dog mauled Brooks as she conducted a house inspection on the 1600 block of E. Marietta Ave. Brooks worked as an inspector for the Decatur Housing Authority.

The alarming rise in the number of pit bull attacks calls for action from authorities to protect the people. Attacks of children, police, fire fighters and letter carriers have been reported. Pit bulls have the highest attack rate of all breeds and inflict the worst injury.

Included with this press release are newspaper articles about pit bull attacks, plus a pit bull ordinance enacted by Denver, Colorado that has been upheld by the Supreme Court of Colorado. Brooks and Faber offer the Denver ordinance as a model for the City of Decatur.

The proposed ordinance "grandfathers" current ownership of pit bulls and requires owners to possess financial responsibility by purchase of liability insurance. Without financial responsibility, pit bull owners walk away from responsibility forcing others, including government, to pay the victim's bills.

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