

General Comma Use

Commas are probably the most misunderstood of all punctuation. When a writer uses commas correctly, a paper has better readability and sometimes even makes more sense.

Always use a comma:

- Before words like **but** and **yet** [when there's a subject and verb (clause) on each side]
Pitbulls are seen as very vicious dogs, but they are truly very sweet, loving animals.
- If joining two complete sentences (fragments are missing a subject or verb) with **but, and, or, nor, for, yet, or so**
Pitbulls love everyone, but not everyone can handle their strength.
- After an introduction word or phrase, such as **In addition,**
In addition, pitbulls love children, but they can knock them over very easily.
- When you list more than two things in a series
Pitbulls are strong, loyal, and protective.
- When you describe something with more than one adjective
The wiggling, yipping pit pups are hard to resist!
- When you describe something which is not needed
Pitbulls, although strong, are worth looking at.
- Before complete sentence quotes
According to many pit owners, "Pitbulls are the best breed of dog."
- And use commas in dates and addresses
Those pitbull puppies were born July 4, 2005.