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.*