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## **Pound Pit Bull Now A Center-Ring Star**

**Despite recent tragic events in San Francisco, a well-trained pit bull can be a loving pet and stellar performer says Circus Chimera lead clown and artistic director Guennadi Tregoub. Circus Chimera, the international circus troupe whose big top is currently pitched in Pacifica, has made its reputation as an animal-friendly entertainment organization, relying on human artistry rather than elephants and tigers. The one notable exception to the "humans only" dictum: Sasha, a three and a half year old pit bull terrier, rescued from an Arizona animal shelter and trained by Tregoub who calls her, "my little elephant."**

**"She's the most loving dog in the world," says Tregoub. "With dogs, training is everything. It's irresponsible to own a dog without training it."**

**The use of animals in clown comedy has a long tradition in the circus, where "educated" animals prove time and again that the joke is on humans. Unlike traditional dog acts where a gangs of canines work for kibble, Sasha has the attentions of her master and the audience to herself. "I'm Sasha's straight man," explains Tregoub. "Pit Bulls are like any other breed of dog. Give them the time, the attention, and the understanding they need and all animals deserve, they'll pay you back with a lifetime of loyalty, love and good humor."**

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