



Hog-Dog Fighting

Hog-dog fighting involves putting dogs in pens with feral hogs to see how quickly the dogs can pin the hogs. Often the attack is sufficient to kill the hog. The dogs are also at risk for injury during these events.




Additional Animal Fighting

Badger baiting pits one or more dogs against a badger. Although illegal in the United Kingdom, that is where this blood sport is most practiced. The badger, who may be partially disabled by being hit over the head, has its jaw broken or legs chained, is placed in a pit. The dogs are then set upon the badger. Both the badger and the dogs may sustain injuries sometimes leading to death.

Bear baiting involves chaining a bear in a pit and then letting dogs loose to attack the bear. In some cases, the bears are let loose to chase the dogs. Most of the animals suffer from the attacks and some die as a result of their injuries.

Horse fighting usually involves two stallions who are provoked into fighting each other after a mare in heat is brought into the ring and then removed. While horse fighting has been outlawed in most countries, it still thrives in Asia. Horse fighting can take place in stadiums or racetracks or on abandoned playing fields.

What Can You Do?

-  Never attend an animal fight.
-  Report any animal fighting in your community to authorities.
-  Teach children respect for all life.

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Animal Fighting

While most forms of animal fighting are illegal in the United States, the three most common types of animal fighting are dog fighting, cock fighting, and hog-dog fighting. These contests are held in playgrounds and back alleys, arenas in remote areas, and neighborhood backyards. Other forms of blood sports practiced here and abroad are badger baiting, bear baiting, and horse fighting.

Issues Common to Animal Fighting

Animal fighting is a blood sport in which animals have been specifically bred and trained to attack each other. The fights are brutal and may end in the death of one or both combatants. Animal fighting often attracts other illegal activities, such as gambling, drug dealing, weapons violations, prostitution, and money laundering. Small animals are often stolen or obtained under false pretenses, especially in dog fighting, to be used as bait to train the animals to attack. Children are commonly present at animal fights as some adults consider these events family entertainment. Children witnessing these events may develop an insensitivity to animal cruelty as a result of witnessing these blood sports. Participants and breeders can make large sums of money engaging in animal fighting.

Dog Fighting

Dog fighting is a federal crime and is illegal in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Attending a dog fight is also illegal in most states. Yet, dog fighting still exists in both rural and urban settings. There are three levels of dog fighting: street, hobbyist, and professional. Street level fights usually occur on street corners and in back alleys and playgrounds. They are spontaneous and often are used to prove who has the better dog. Hobbyist dog fighters are more organized and usually have several dogs who participate in fights. They may travel across state lines to engage in fighting events. Professional dog fighters may have as many as 50 dogs at a time. They breed specifically for the sport and are heavily involved in all aspects of the business.

Since dog fighting is illegal, there is no way to know how many people, or dogs, are involved. However, estimates in the tens of thousands would not be off the mark. Dog fighters are found in every state. However, states with lax animal cruelty laws often see an increase in dog fighting because proponents of dog fighting know they will not be dealt harsh punishments if they are caught.

People who train dogs for fighting often starve them to make them aggressive. They beat them and place heavy chains around their necks to increase their muscle mass. They force the dogs to run on treadmills to increase their endurance. Even if injured, some fighting dogs are forced to continue fighting by being beaten with sharp objects, sticks, poles, etc.



Cockfighting

Cockfighting, which is illegal in almost all states, involves raising mainly roosters to be fighters. Handlers attach a razor, knife, or a sharp steel projection called a gaff to each rooster's leg and put them in the ring to fight to the death. These fights typically end in the death of at least one rooster, but sometimes both birds are mortally wounded.