

Unfortunately, the cruelties of dog-fighting begin early in a dog's life and are not limited to the animals who are forced to fight.

In a dogfight, two dogs are placed in a pit enclosed by plywood walls, where they must fight before a crowd of cheering spectators until one dog is too injured or exhausted to continue. The dogs, both the winner and the loser, usually suffer from multiple puncture wounds and deep lacerations.

After the match, if a dog had an embarrassing loss, it is not unheard of for the dog to be shot or have his throat cut so the breeder won't get a reputation for selling puppies of poor-quality fighting dogs. Even winning dogs sometimes die as a result of their injuries. This isn't surprising, considering that dogfighters can't run to the vet with battered animals for fear of being turned over to authorities. Instead, using tape or suture kits to close up gaping wounds, owners do the job themselves.



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dog fighting, call  
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# What is Dog Fighting?

Dog fighting is a contest involving at least two dogs that are trained to fight. They are placed in a small arena to fight each other for spectators' gambling and entertainment.

# Did You Know?

Dog fights end only when one dog is no longer willing or able to fight. The injuries inflicted and sustained by dogs participating in dogfights are frequently severe, even fatal. The American Pit Bull Terriers used in the majority of these fights have been specifically bred and trained for fighting and are unrelenting in their attempts to overcome their opponents. With their extremely powerful jaws, they are able to inflict severe bruising, deep puncture wounds, and broken bones. Dogs used in these events often die of blood loss, shock, dehydration, exhaustion, or infection hours or even days after the fight.

Other animals are often sacrificed as well. Some owners train their dogs for fights using smaller animals such as cats, rabbits, or small dogs. These "bait" animals are often stolen pets or animals obtained through "free to good home" advertisements.

Report all instances of animal abuse, neglect or dog fighting to Crimestoppers at 1-800-458-8477 - or call Palm Beach County Sheriff Office at 561-688-3000. Up to \$5,000 reward offered by The Humane Society of the United States.

# Hey!



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