

REPORT DOG FIGHTING

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SIGNS OF FELONY DOG-FIGHTING

Residents of Indianapolis can be the eyes & ears of your neighborhoods.

Be observant and look around your area for suspicious activity or signs of dog fighting or animal cruelty.

It is important to document addresses, license plate numbers times & happenings, detailed observations to assist Animal Care & Control in issuing the proper citations.

Notifying the proper authorities to anything suspicious can help prevent animal cruelty and unfortunate incidents with animals that act in a menacing behavior that is threatening to the public.

We know how Pit Bulls are unfairly represented in the Media; this is eroding the fragile reputation of The American Pit Bull Terrier.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Many times people involved in dog fighting do not properly care for the animals in their care and by reporting violations to Animal Care & Control you help to stop this activity from taking place in Indianapolis. When we as a community join together to make a statement that we will not tolerate this activity in our city, we make it hard for them to stay here and commit these crimes.

The "Pit Bull" is the dog most commonly used in dog fighting. A "Pit Bull" is also known as an American Pit Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire terrier. However, just because someone "OWNS" a Pit Bull DOES NOT mean that he/she is involved in dog fighting. To better assist you in spotting signs of felony dog fighting, refer to the following:

- SHORT EAR CROPS
- RECENT OR LONG STANDING WOUNDS
- SCARS ON HEAD, THROAT, LEGS & CHEST AREA
- WIDE LEATHER COLLARS 3-4 INCHES WIDE WITH HEAVY RINGS
- PUNCTURE WOUNDS OR LACERATIONS
- BLOODY CARPET OR WOOD PIECES
- TREADMILLS, SPRING POLES, HANGING ROPES OR TIRES IN YARD
- YARDS WITH MULTIPLE PIT BULLS (BACK YARD WITH SEVERAL DOG HOUSES)
- DOGS WHO APPEAR IN POOR HEALTH ON HEAVY CHAINS AND LEFT OUTSIDE AT ALL TIMES
- PEOPLE OF ALL AGES FREQUENTLY TRAFFICKING A HOUSE, WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS AND DOG CAGES

As a community member, you may happen upon some or all of these signs of possible illegal felony dog fighting activity. Dog fighting can happen virtually anywhere at anytime; places such as abandoned houses, garages, warehouses, basements, secluded park areas & open country fields. They can be either residential or commercial property areas.

Dog fights in progress can appear to be a "party like" atmosphere, with cheering and loud music to muffle the sound of the dogs fighting.

Spectators gather in a crowd to surround the fight in progress.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

"NEVER ATTEMPT TO APREHEND OR ADDRESS THE PERPETRATOR YOURSELF"

If you know of a DOG FIGHT in progress, call 911.

If you suspect DOG FIGHTING, call Crime Stoppers at 262-TIPS. Anonymous and Confidential.

If you witness animal cruelty and the animal is in immediate danger, call 911.

If you suspect animal cruelty, call Animal Care and Control at 327-1397 or the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4MAC. Ask for a case number so you can follow-up to ensure resolution!

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