

SIGNS OF FELONY DOG-FIGHTING

Anonymous Reporting



SCARS



CHAINS



TREADMILL



SHORT EAR CROP



**MULTIPLE
PIT
BULLS**



**UP TO \$1,000 REWARD
REPORT DOG FIGHTING**

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262-TIPS**

Signs of Dog Fighting Activity Field Services Overview

Dog fighters are often involved in illegal gambling and sale and possession of drugs and illegal weapons. Dog fighters, and spectators, often have a history of violent crimes and behaviors towards people. Dog fighting is another entertainment activity for gangs.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

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 field worker, you may happen upon some or all of these signs of possible illegal felony dog fighting activity. Dog fighting can happen virtually anywhere at any time; 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

If you have reason to suspect that dog fighting is happening in your community, please contact CANINE CRIME STOPPERS at 317-262-TIPS. ADDRESSES,

LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS, DETAILED OBSERVATIONS ETC.. ARE IMPORTANT.

Crime Stoppers helps by allowing citizens to anonymously report suspected Dog Fighting activity while offering a cash reward of UP TO \$1,000.00 for information that leads to a Felony arrest.

For more information on how you can learn to combat dog fighting, go to www.indypitcrew.org