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The Honorable Patti B. Saris,
U.S. Sentencing Commission
One Columbus Circle, NE, Suite 2-500
Washington, DC, 20002-8002

Subject: Animal fighting guideline on proposed priority list

Dear Judge Saris:

On behalf of the ASPCA, I thank the Commission for considering the animal fighting penalty guideline as a priority for the 2015/2016 amendment cycle. We heard from over 5,000 of our members in support of the Commission's proposal to examine and amend the animal fighting sentencing guideline. We submit those comments here as an attachment.

Animal fighting is a uniquely brutal crime which may involve hundreds of victims. The perpetrators are dangerous criminals commonly involved in crimes related to drugs, weapons, illegal gambling, and money laundering. Amending the animal fighting guideline would ensure that prosecutors pursue animal fighting charges vigorously and that the sentences handed down reflect the scale and cruelty of these crimes.

The current animal fighting sentencing guideline should reflect the maximum penalty of five years authorized by Congress. The Commission last addressed the guidelines for animal fighting offenses in 2008 after passage of the Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007, which made animal fighting in violation of 7 U.S.C. §2156 a felony offense with a maximum penalty of three years. Congress then raised the statutory maximum penalty to five years' imprisonment in the 2008 Farm Bill in response to the horrific and highly publicized Michael Vick dog fighting case. In the 2014 Farm Bill, Congress once again expressed its intolerance for this crime, making attending an animal fight anywhere in the U.S. a federal offense and imposing additional penalties for bringing a child under 16 years old to an animal fight. The current sentencing guidelines have not incorporated these changes and so do not reflect the heightened seriousness with which Congress, the public, and many judges view the heinous crime of animal fighting.

Thank you very much for including the animal fighting guideline on your list of proposed priorities. We urge the Commission to examine and strengthen this section of the guidelines in the coming year. Please let us know how we can support this effort.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Patti B. Saris, Chief Judge
U. S. District Court for Massachusetts
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 2300
Boston, MA 02210

Subject: Sentencing Guidelines for Animal Fighting Convictions

Dear Judge Saris:

On behalf of the ASPCA and our 2.5 million supporters, I urge the U.S. Sentencing Commission to revisit its sentencing guidelines for animal fighting convictions so that they reflect the statutory maximum penalty of five years and affirm the brutality of this crime. Currently, federal prosecutors must argue for upward departures in order to obtain equitable sentences consistent with the statutory maximum. Low sentencing recommendations discourage prosecutors from pursuing animal fighting charges that may yield only a sentence of six-twelve months. Congress acknowledged the depravity of animal fighting by raising the statutory maximum after a federal investigation revealed animal fighting and shocking abuse at Michael Vick's Bad Newz Kennels in 2007. We believe that the Commission should revise the guideline to reflect that statutory change.

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The animal fighting guideline, categorized with gambling offenses in §2E3.1, provides a base offense level of 10 for a gambling offense that involved an animal fighting venture. This amounts to six-twelve months in prison for a defendant in the lowest criminal history category before accounting for any mitigating or aggravating circumstances. While the guidelines allow for an upward departure if an offense involves extraordinary cruelty such as “maiming or death to an animal,” the typical sentence handed down in dog fighting cases over the last few years has hovered around twelve months, consistent with the base level recommendation.

Regrettably, the guidelines do not account for the fact that animal fighting *always* results in the maiming or death of an animal—usually many animals. Last month, U. S. District Judge Keith Watkins of the Middle District of Alabama voiced this concern during the sentencing of defendants convicted as a result of a four-year-long federal animal fighting investigation that involved more than 450 dogs. Judge Watkins called the guidelines inadequate for failing to distinguish between an offender who supplied one dog for fights and one who supplied hundreds. U.S. District Judge Michael Reagan of the Southern District of Illinois expressed similar views in 2010 during the sentencing of the “Missouri 500” case, the largest dog fighting raid in U. S. history.

Beyond failing to account for the number of animals harmed, the current sentencing guidelines do not reflect the violence and brutality that distinguish animal fighting from other gambling crimes. During the sentencing hearing presided over by Judge Watkins, the government presented evidence that hundreds of dogs were executed for losing or performing poorly, often hanged by their necks from trees, shot, or electrocuted. Witnesses testified that “nobody keeps a losing dog.” The government argued for upward departures, with requested sentences ranging from two-five years per count. Judge Watkins granted the upward departures, handing down prison sentences as high as eight years. He opined that the federal sentencing guidelines for dog fighting are not strong enough to account for the degree of cruelty involved. His statements echo those of U.S. District Judge Terrence Boyle of the Eastern District of North Carolina who in 2012 granted an upward variance to sentence dog fighter Harry Hargrove to five years in prison. Judge Boyle stated:

I would say that other than the criminal dog fighters in America, every other person in America would be shocked beyond belief that you could do what [Hargrove] did and come out with a federal sentence of zero to six months...No one could defend that. No judges. No legislators. No president.

The ASPCA frequently hears from frustrated federal prosecutors and law enforcement professionals who strive to obtain meaningful sentences that deter animal fighters and encourage vigorous prosecution of these cases. To deter and punish cruelty to the fullest extent allowed by the federal animal fighting statute, we urge the Commission to:

- **Increase the base level offense provided in §2E3.1 so that the sentencing guidelines reflect the increased statutory maximum passed by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill.**
- **Amend the guidelines to provide for specific offense characteristics when the offense involved 1) a large number of animals or 2) egregious animal neglect or cruelty.**

We understand why the Commission grouped animal fighting with other gambling offenses—animal fights attract hundreds of attendees and single bets that often total hundreds of thousands of dollars. However, animal fighting is unique to that category of crime in that it intrinsically inflicts immense suffering and death on its victims. The ASPCA asks the Commission to join Congress, the American public, and members of the judiciary in acknowledging this stark distinction by amending the animal fighting sentencing guidelines to more accurately reflect the seriousness of this crime.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this problem. Thank you very much for your consideration. We look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,



Richard Patch
Vice President, Federal Affairs

~~cc:~~ Mr. Kenneth Cohen, U. S. Sentencing Commission Staff Director

First Name	Last Name	State	User Comment
Elly	McCreary	OH	
Joanna	Landrum	TN	
			last year we had to give up our American bulldog puppy because of her aggression towards our other dog. It was an incredibly emotional and hard process, but we put her up for sale for 200 dollars and a lady came to our house to take her, claiming she didn't have the money to pay for her but would take her for free. She didn't want her AKC papers, and she even took the harness and leash with her. She claimed she would stay in touch -- also said that she had 3 houses and a boat. She took our dog away from us as I was crying and flipped her. We believed her at first but then quickly realized that she was a dog flipper and had found other reports of her online doing the same thing. I think that it's horrible to have dogs treated unfairly like that and especially with fighting them. It's just horrific.
Elly	McCreary	OH	
Lauren	Dickerson	VA	
Irina	Temnikova	TX	
Vickie	Tupen	AZ	
Cynthia	Rohman	WA	
Valerie	Beverly	NC	
Margaret	McGinnis	MA	
Julia	Cranmer	NJ	
Sandy	Westphal	KY	
Melissa	Wales	NY	
Dee	Aranza	FL	
Internatural angie	Alinement martinez	NM OR	Those whom engage in animal fighting seem to be among the lowest and most horrible people. stop this abuse now! Please give the maximum sentence of 5 years (wish it could be longer) as prescribed by Congress and supported by Americans for all involved with animal fighting, which is a despicable crime.
Teresa	Harris	KS	
jill	hodson	OH	
Margaret	Hetherly	TX	

Form letter submitted by all commenters:

Dear Commissioners,

I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008.

Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.

Pat	Mencke	AZ	I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/16 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. The emotionally and physically painful and existence and death of animals made to fight each other, when they are not in any way inclined to do so, is ghastly. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes, like dog fighting, so your action is critical to ensure that the crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible.
Patrick	Loumagne	PA	
GARRINE	PETERSEN	CA	UNFORTUNATELY ANIMAL CRUELTY IS WITH US IN MANY TERRIBLE WAYS, BUT IF WE CAN ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WITH GREATER ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY, IT WOULD BE A GREAT STEP FORWARD. PLEASE TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO RE-ENFORCE THESE LAWS AND PENALTIES. WITH HOPE FOR A KINDER TOMORROW.....MRS. GARRINE PETERSEN
AngelaRose	Canneto	CT	People that engage in this horrific act of cruelty have no heart, no conscious and no morals. They deserve to be punished to the fullest. A message should be sent that this cruelty to our animal friends will not be tolerated. Thank you.
Janine	Lasker	NY	
NANCY	SHARFF	SC	This horrific practice should end right now. It's amazing that in America mistreat animals so much. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA should lead INTERNATIONAL LAWS TO PROTECT THEIR ANIMALS.
Barbara	Vinson	TX	Having been in companion rescue for over thirty years, I have seen and clearly understand how important it is to ensure that animal fighting crimes are punished with appropriate sentencing. Animal fighting is a cruelty issue and individuals who participate are a danger to animals and to society. This issue must be treated with the seriousness that it deserves. We are the voice for these animals. We must protect them. Implementing and enforcing the maximum sentence is absolutely crucial. We must do everything in our power to stop animal abusers.
Kimberly	Rorick-Lewis	NY	
Michelle	Nuss	PA	
Andrew	Shymkiw	GA	
Pauline	Serritelli	CA	

With animals that help us humans in a lot of ways we should be able to keep these offenders where they belong & for a longer period of time. I consider my dog my friend-companion & protector. I am definitely pro for amending a stricter result for these offenders.

Barbara	Stansbury	MD
Susan	Hayes	WA
kennie	mclaughlin	WA

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Wendy	Elkins	KS
Andrew	Shymkiw	GA
Susan	Hayes	WA
Wendy	Elkins	KS
kurtney	pla	NC
jane	nachbar	NJ
Sheika	Arias	CO

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Punishment should fit d crime' no more' no less.

MARY	ROJESKI	CA
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I believe 10 years jail time is a more fitting punishment. The brutality, complete disregard for life and totally inhumane treatment of the animals speaks for itself. Please help animals and make this a sentence that the monsters who participate in this form of entertainment will maybe think twice about!

Commissioners, Those who willfully choose to engage in any aspect of animal abuse are beyond self-regulation and conscience. This abhorrent behavior is criminal and those who engage in it must be taken to task. These animals are innocent and treated with miserable cruelty that cannot be tolerated. All those involved deserve to be punished through monetary means and prison time if there is to be any hope of curtailing such behavior. I therefore urge you, with a most heavy heart to act nobly and just and do all you can to establish legal, enforceable laws to deter and halt the very egregious practice of engaging in any aspect of animal fighting. We trust that you will act justly and from the heart to protect those who have no voice and no choice. On behalf of myself and our animal friends with whom we share this glorious planet, I thank you for your time and your good judgment. Respectfully yours, Margaret Halligan, Houston, Texas

Margaret	Halligan	TX
kennie	mclaughlin	WA
Coreen	Amundson	MN

We should and can do so much better to protect our animals. This is after all, the 21 century.

Paula	Frank	PA
Carolyn	Davis	MI

Thank you for helping to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. Diane Fontana

Diane	Fontana	CA
Kathy	Bockelman	VA
Coreen	Amundson	MN

Thank you for helping to stop the terrible dog fighting, and anyone caught doing it has to be arrested, something has to be done, these poor dogs have no way to protect themselves. Thank you again for anything you can do to stop it. I will continue to send what help I can.

Joan	Van Velzer	MT
Paige	Dawson	CT
Cathy	Adams	CA
Elizabeth	Hecker	CA
Blake	Samuels	CA

A sentence of ten years is reasonable, considering the money made from this despicable "sport". A fine of \$100,000 is also reasonable. By the way, that's the minimum fine. The above is a strong message. This savage and brutal use of animals must end now.

Sam	Black	VA
Jessica	Macomber	ME
Tracy	Cline	VA
Carol	Hewitt	CA

Mauricette	Alexander	AK	
betty	sribnik	CA	Please help to discourage people from abusing and killing animals by updating the guidelines. Dogs do not deserve to suffer to amuse sick people who enjoy watching this cruel "sport".
Sherry	Madden	AZ	I ask you to please make this sentencing a "mandatory minimum" as we have with other crimes. I think this deserves punishment to the maximum extent of the law!
Pauline	Serritelli	CA	
Barbara	Kayser	NJ	This is so sad to think a human being can be so Vicious as to but an animal in harms ways and Make them fight for money...beyond cruel.
Tina	Granados	IL	
Linda	Lauermann	IN	I beg of you, please help to stop this terrible crime against innocent animals by acting to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 yrs as prescribed by Congress in 2008. I thank you so very much on behalf of the victims of animal fighting!
Irvie	Bullock7883	NC	
Kimberly	Loureiro	CA	
Darlene	Schultz	NJ	
Linda	Lauermann	IN	
Kimberly	Loureiro	CA	
Roberta	Selk	CO	
Barbara	Niquette	IL	
Kathryn	Jones	FL	If these degenerates are cruel to animals , you can be sure they are just as cruel to humans!! Put them away!!! Please help stop the horrific act of dog fighting by increasing the prison sentence of the offenders. Help protect those that are dependent on us for their safety. Thank You
kathy	mayher	OH	
andrea	cardini	MA	
Rosa	Lerner	FL	
Helen	Bayne	NJ	The punishment is not severe enough. When a so called human being performs such a cruel act for money I feel a minimum of 25 years should be served. This person should be tortured the same way the dog was tortured as far as I am concerned. Maybe then they will stop and think about their actions.
Rosalyn	Rohloff	CO	
Carol	Chernego	NJ	
Christi	Dillon	NC	
T.J.	Guerra	FL	

Regan	Rhebeck	CA	HELLO...AS YOU KNOW , ANIMAL CRUELTY IS A HORRIBLE CRIME IN ITSELF, AND THE "PEOPLE" THAT ARE ALLOWED TO COMMIT SUCH CRIMES ARE ALSO DOING ABUSIVE THINGS TO OTHERS , SUCH AS CHILDREN. WHY DO WE HAVE TO TOLERATE THIS BEHAVIOR ? WE AS A SOCIETY NEED TO STOP AND PREVENT SUCH BEHAVIOR !!!!!
JOYCE	TONTS	CA	
Mary	DeCraemer	MI	
kriselle	seidel	OH	
Ann	Harm	AZ	Please request 5 years sentencing
JOYCE	TONTS	CA	
Gwynn	Noble	VA	
Dixie	Holt	FL	No more dog fights
Judy	Wight	NE	
Bambi	Leone	HI	
Shirley	Revelle	TN	
Barbara	Niquette	IL	These poor animals deserve better and human beings have the right and the duty to protect those who are helpless and innocent. Thank you!
Patricia	Nielsen	TX	
Tariesa	Welch	MS	HELP HAND OUT HEARTLESS SENTENCES TO PEOPLE WHO FIGHT DOGS NOW.
John	Pasqua	CA	
Regan	Rhebeck	CA	There are no words adequate to describe such horrors.It makes me ashamed to be a part of the human race. Those who join and watch these despicable acts are just as guilty as those who arrange them. Hit them all where it hurts; there pocketbooks.
Laura	Adams	NC	
Marcia	Haines	OH	
Judy	Wight	NE	
Jennifer	Guthery	FL	I am a lead volunteer at the animal foundation in Las Vegas NV I have seen the damage that Dog fighting does and I feel that the people who are responsible should pay the full penalty for their actions
Michele	Shakir	NV	
Felicity	Hohenshelt	FL	
Helen	Curtis	WA	

to the extent many think they are involved. Our town has been (is?) known as the Meth distribution point of WA State. The police won't even let me file a report when homeless drug addicts break into my camper and live there all Winter. They know the 14-16 year old girls next door are having sex with "John's" from the bar 1/2 a block away. They tell me the parents won't press charges and Child Protection won't respond to them so I need to call Spokane WA, which I did. Their response was to ask if babies or toddlers were in harm's way. I said YES. The 16 yr old has an infant she leaves with anyone -mainly H.S. boys. There was NO follow up. The 14 yr old gave me the 3 mo old Corgi mix who had no shots or dog food and she stated he's being severely abused. The men on the 2 houses away say they rescue Pit Bulls and re-home them. Their idea is to chain them and put them in inhumane cages so they howl and cry all day & night no matter the weather. They "rescued" a severely emaciated mother & her two pups. She had a 3" rib cage from her back and every bone was protruding showing 3 edges of each bone. Her tits were red and firm with mastitis 1 1/2" x 1/2" thick & 12" long -almost toughing the ground. They kept her locked in their torture cage that is a bunch of metal and wood piled upon itself. When I talked to them Chris said, She's crying because she misses her babies and she'll get nourished by her tits drying up and reabsorbing the best protein she could get." I'd like to think they don't know any better...The police do nothing. The new Chief told me, "There's nothing wrong with Pits, I use to raise them." That was after I reported a 14 yr old with an aggressive pit off leash by the elementary school. A mom with her babies told me the pit is tormenting her little dogs and children so that they can't use their frt. yard. Bullies and Lab/Pit dogs and puppy litters (bait I support longer and mandatory prison sentences,also taking away from these individuals any property they may own or bank accounts to be given to animal shelters to continue there work for the dogs to ease pain and suffering caused by this horrible crime.

Lorraine	Stevenson	WA
Arlene	Aguiar	CA
John	Pasqua	CA
cheryl	smoot	MD
T.J.	Guerra	FL
Jacqueline	Newman	KY

Helen	Bayne	NJ	A stop must be put on the heinous act of pit bull fighting. Those people who promote this horrible act should be given the worst punishment. I feel that a 5 year sentence is only a slap on the wrist. As far as I am concerned they should have a stricter penalty.
marianne	coros	FL	Even 5 years is too lenient!! This is criminal to say the least. . Animal cruelty should not be tolerated. Punishment should be strong and swift, not just a slap on the wrist.
Elizabeth	Mitchell	TX	
Donna	Wolz	AR	
Edward	Jagusiak	NJ	
	Curtis	OR	This is so wrong in so many ways, the people who do this should be put in the ring with a fighting dog and let the dog do what he is trained to do to the human. Please, please take action to increase the penalties for animal fighting. Animal fighting is barbaric and inhumane not only to the animals forced to participate but to the other animals used as "bait". Please make the penalties so great that animal fighting will cease to exist. Thank you.
Dixie	Gibney-Hall	PA	
			The animal abuse laws are not tough enough. The veterinarian in Texas that just got away with torchering and killing a neighbor's cat to the horse trainer that beat a horse to death. Both posted the abuse on Facebook. This mentality of animals don't matter has to stop. The dog fighting is not just dogs being abused.....it's the puppies and kittens and other dogs ripped apart as bait to teach the dogs to kill. Just found out we have several dog fighting rings here. I found a pit bull with old gashes in his neck that had healed and new cuts. He was either hit by a car or more likely tossed out like trash.
Debbie	Savoy	TX	
Donna	Wolz	AR	The people who exploit & force these dogs to fight, deserve the maximum jail sentence possible & hopefully this will deter others from forcing the dogs to fight. It is wrong to subject these innocent animals to such horrendous cruelty, maybe the offenders deserve the same treatment as a deterrent also. This barbaric industry must be stopped.
Rhonda	Green	CA	
Allison	West	TX	
Ellen	Effron	NJ	
Elizabeth	Gresham	SC	Enough of this horror. Please act now to end this nightmare for these helpless beings.
Shirley	Revelle	TN	
marianne	coros	FL	
Deborah	Hall	AL	

Eleanor	High	CA	Please remember there is no excuse for cruelty.
Debbie	Savoy	TX	
Austin	Cottle	NH	
Rose	Miras	WY	The dogs deserve a life not a death sentence - severe punishment for the perpetrators !!!
Tina	Bailey	IL	I'm glad there are wonderful people out there to help animals in need.
Brenda	Martinez	CA	
Connie	Solo	WA	
Carol	Jaross	IL	
Caryn	Dahl	NJ	In order to properly educate yourself on this issue, I implore you to read ""The Lost Dogs " by Sports Illustrated's Jim Gorant. (Gotham Books) It is an unflinching nonfiction account of the Vick incident which uncovers the unimaginably gruesome practices that are accepted as part of the depraved subculture of dogfighting. I guarantee that you will lose sleep, but justice requires nothing less.
JeriLynn	DeBonis	CA	This amendment is very important. Abusers need to be punished for their cruel behavior. Animals are depending on us to protect them from these abusers.
Emily	Krack	IN	
Jess	Scott		
Margaret	Conti	MI	
Tracy	Hoopingarner	TN	We must require that any person found guilty of animal fighting must be imprisoned for the full 5 years, with no shortening of the sentence. Also, they should never be allowed to own, work with or be allowed to have anything to do with animals once released from prison.
Sharon	Koe	IL	
Lynn C.	Lang	MN	
Marianne	Frusteri	OH	
Marianne	Frusteri	OH	
Leigh	Decicco	MS	
Ellen	Ayalin	IL	Animal fighting is NOT A SPORT. It is CRUELTY. Please STOP animal fighting. Thank you. I also encourage that any person found fighting animals not only be given 5 years imprisonment which cannot be shortened but also never be allowed to own any type of animal for the remainder of their life and never be allowed to live in a residence that has animals of any type.
Linda	Bauer	TN	
Monica	Douglas	CA	I love what you guys do!!
Jerry	Bolick	NC	

David	Tucker	MI	Im so against dog fighting and the people that make dogs fight they are cold hearted animal cruelty people and should be sentenced for endangering a poor animal because dogs are people's friends and even as a fily member to some...
Desiree	Reyes	CA	
Grace	Padelford	CA	Dog fighting is simply wrong. These animals want human contact. They do not want to be chained & locked away. They do not want to fight each other--to the death of one. These dogs want love. They deserve better then the horrific life someone has placed each of them in. Please get the bill passed. Demand swift justice for those who can not speak for themselves. Help make it known, that those individuals who put these animals lives on the line will receive swift & the strongest penalty for doing such acts. These people are cruel & totally insensitive to an animal's life. Our justice system has gotten far to lax. It is time to follow thru & make sure these criminals are punished to the max.
Cinde	Anderson	AZ	
Joan	Squires	CA	People who cause animals to fight one another need to be sentenced to very long prison terms. We need to send the message that this is a crime of torture and is not acceptable under any circumstances.
Ted	Siniscalchi	CA	
Carol	Orzech	FL	Please, have a heart. There are a lot of sick things happening in this world so please show everyone you will do the right thing. What is wrong with people wanting to do this to man's best friend? Is it all about money? Is money your God? If so, it will never bring you luck or happiness. Stop this and punish the offenders.
Donna	Ellefson	WI	
Linda	Apodaca	TX	
Sarah	Ludwig	VA	
Debbie	Nelson	WA	
Elsa	Putnam	CA	
Maureen	Johann	OR	
Sharon	Walsh	CA	
angela	fazzari	OR	
Eddie	Gonzalez	CA	
Mary Joan	Thomas	OH	Animals can't speak for themselves so we have that opportunity! Please help stop animal fighting! It's animals cruelty! These defenseless animals need protecting! They're innocent and need respect and love!

Jackie	Salas	MD	I am so distressed by the continued presence of this barbaric crime in our country. Please help legislation do its job.
Jackie	Salas	MD	
Linda	Rossin	NJ	
George	Schneider	CA	
jennifer	kilgore	CO	
JAMIE	EDWARDS	NC	
Patricia	Olson	WA	As far as I'm concerned, dogfighting is just as bad as human trafficking. Dogs are stolen and forced to do things they would never do otherwise. Please give this horrible crime a more serious sentence.
Maria	Barredo	NV	I care
Emily	Krack	IN	
Pete	Howard	NY	Please act on these comments - justice lies in your hands.
Milton	Pinn	VA	
Margaret	Hetherly	TX	This barbaric pastime must be stopped. It will not happen until punishments become harder. Dogs don't speak with their mouth but with their eyes. Dogs have feelings. Please think of them as beings with heart and feelings!!
Amada	Hernandez	NJ	
Janna	McQuinn	NE	Having worked in a humane society for 5+ yrs & 32+ yrs at a vet clinic I've seen firsthand dogs that have been fought & dogs that have been stolen and used as blood bait. Whatever penalties that are available now don't even begin to scratch the surface. Anyone involved in dog fighting needs to be "hammered" so they will think twice before doing so again!
William	Cotton	VA	
Sandy	Westphal	KY	
Kelly	Vermace	MD	
Thereses	Shirey	PA	—
Joan	maesky	CA	
Elaine	Alfaro	CA	
Deborah	Ambrose	AZ	These poor unfortunate dogs have no say in their lives. They are forced to fight and kill each other with no chance of a loving, caring environment and a home. Please, I implore you, to consider the amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/16 amendment cycle. You can make a difference to these poor animals and give them life with a loving family instead of a death sentence.
Beverly	Blackburn	TX	

Joan	Curtin	NC
Jean	Donley	MA
V	Questar	MO
Arlene	Patoray	NJ
Deborah	Ambrose	AZ
arline	king	OR
Deborah	Zastrow	NY
arline	king	OR
Joan	Curtin	NC

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Animal cruelty should be treated just like violence against humans. It's inhumane and we need to show the abusers that there are repercussions for their criminal actions.

Cara	Tranquilli	CT
James	Blodgett	NH
Carmine	DiLeo	NJ
Rebecca	Canright	NJ
Pamela	Bryson	TX
Pamela	Bryson	TX
Beverly	Blackburn	TX
Rocio	villegas	CA
Mark	Canright	NJ
Christina	Akers	MN

Lei	Ye	CA
xiao zhong	Jiang	CA

Animal abuse should be punished as heavy as human abuse.

Lynn	Migliaccio	NY
William	Burgess	NM
Carol	Jaross	IL
Nicole	Strathmann	FL
Carmine	DiLeo	NJ
Catherine	Lambeau	WV
kriselle	seidel	OH

What example are you setting for children to witness such violence? Has anyone have any bit of sense, heart or humanity left in them? We should be moving forward Not backwards
Animal Figthing has no place in our society. These animal have feeling, emotions and fear just like humans. Show some compassion for our other species.

Uta	Cortimilia	AL
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Animal fighting is a horrible crime. It needs to be stopped for good. Therefore, only a long prison sentence can help it. It needs to be put into law now. Please don't delay this important issue and act on it now. Thank you.

P	NUNEZ	FL	
Carol	Chernego	NJ	Punishment for Crimes against animals should be the same as they are for people.
Brittney	Nielsen	WA	
KAYE	HOLDER-NEAL	TN	
Nancy	munson	TX	For the love of our furry friends please
Uta	Cortimilia	AL	—
Katie	Hood	OK	
Siobhan	Gilchrist	GA	
			People who participate in dog fighting, as dog owners or spectators should be sentenced to the maximum allowed by law. Innocent animals have suffered horrific injuries and abuse at the hands of these monsters. We are better as a nation than this.
Marianne	Flanagan	IL	
Joan	Lewis	CA	
Katie	Moore	SC	
Karen	West	CA	
			FEDERAL JUDGES SHOULD SEE JUST WHAT THESE POOR DOGS GO THROUGH AND THE PAIN AND SUFFERING IF NOT IN PERSON THAN MAYBE BY A VIDEO THERE SHOULD BE NO EXCUSE FOR A ANIMAL TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE MONEY! I THINK WE SHOULD AD ON TO THE AMENDMENT 5 YEARS IN PRISON AND ONE TIME TO BE PUT IN THE FIGHTING RING WHIH PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND SEE WHO COMES OUT A WINNER!! I RECUSE AMERICAL PIT BULL TERRIERS AND THEY ARE LOVING AND LOYAL ANIMALS. JUDGES DO YOUR JOB AND IF CONVICTED 5 YEARS IN PRISON NO QUESTIONS ASK, AND NO LIGHTER SENTENCE. THANK YOU!
PATRICIA	FLEMMING	MA	
Marianne	Flanagan	IL	—
Laurel	Altigar	UT	
Laurel	Altigar	UT	
Linda	Mason	NH	
Paige	Dawson	CT	
Edna	Ramos	TX	
			In order to completely abolish animal fighting, the laws need to reflect the seriousness of the crime and how we as americans view those that commit this serious crime.
Lynda	Burke	IN	
Linda	Shrum	MO	
tina	black	PA	
Meiling	zhang	CA	
Jeannie	Martens	TN	

Brenda
maoxing
Sara

Hernandez
ye
Friedman

CA
CA
MN

LIDA
Carol

SKRZYPCZAK
Cramer

DC
MI

The sentence should reflect the damage and abuse suffered by innocent animals!

Karen

Hurt

WA

This is awful. No living thing should be forced to fight or be used as bait and get ripped apart. People that do this are cruel and evil and need to be stopped and punished hard. Please help all these poor innocent dogs and get the monsters locked up. Thanks?

Ingrid
Arlene

Treffer-Gunning
Aguiar

MA
CA

Please have stricter laws about animal fighting . These people that are so cruel to harm and kill innocent animals do not stop here. They have tendencies to do the same horrific acts on humans. We have got to enforce these laws. Thank you.

Mary
Regina

Bryant
Miliono

NM
PA

I see animal fighting, as thoroughly inhumane. Please do something to eliminate this heinous practice in the United States and, of course to discourage it in any way possible. It simply is a very, very terrible practice. I thoroughly appreciate anything you might do to stop this.

Nancy

Kustyn

NC

Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened. __Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals Especially for animals that are suffering; For any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them, We ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful. __I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter... the cast-offs of human society. I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness, and betrayal. And I was angry. _ "God," I said, "this is terrible! Why don't you do something?" God was silent for a moment, and then spoke softly, "I have done something," was the reply. "I created you."

Laurie	Tanner	TX	Please be the voice to help Gods creation! These poor furbabies do not deserve to be treated inhumanly, dogs are living feeling creatures like us! Pass stiff laws to protect the innocent animals out there from their abusers! If there are laws to put people in prison for life and with hefty fines maybe it might make the sick people out there think twice or at least know if they get caught for mistreating an helpless animal it would make it the sick person know the price they will pay for life.
Toni	Acuna	FL	
Anita	Manley	OR	
elisia	Silverwater	NM	Also please give the maximin sentence to dog fighters in New Mexico 5yrs or more these criminals do not deserve a think,they should be lock up without any thing but a toilet and a sink.
Sharon	Shimko	IL	
Kristi	Tustin	NJ	Please make sentences for those convicted of dog fighting longer and tougher. Something needs to be done to protect our four-legged animals from the cruelty of the two-legged animals.
james	simpson	MI	
Deborah	Hoffmann	NY	
Emily	Murdock	IN	
carol	lyon	VA	
Michelle	Angst	WI	
Jeannie	McCullough	PA	
Patricia	Lerner	NM	
Monica	Ortiz	TX	The individuals that take part in dog fighting have no respect for living creatures and they need to be held account for their actions at every level not just those that take the dogs, everyone that had their hands in making sure the event took place, even those betting, those at the doors, everyone no matter how minut. making sure the consequences are steep. It's time the jails in the U.S. become jails and not a place to just past time while they are being spoon fed.
Brittney	Nielsen	WA	
Miranda	Vorhees	IN	
P	NUNEZ	FL	TORTURE AND KILLING ARE FELONY CRIMES! EVIL LIKE THIS HAS TO BE STOPPED AND MAXIMUM JAIL TIME IS A START.... /this should have a stiffer penalty more than five years! I want to make the world more aware of what is going on
Jan	McDonald	CA	
Katlyn	Merrill	GA	
fay	forman	NY	

Virginia	Hitchcock	FL
Grace	Padelford	CA
Jana	Harker	CA
Pam	Batchelor	NY
Grace	Quintero	NM
deb	wind	TX
Grace	Quintero	NM
deb	wind	TX
Mercedes	Caraco	MA
Karla	Price	AZ
Karla	Price	AZ
Katee	James	CA
Alberta	Adkison	FL
Brittany	Baumgartel	FL
Pam	Callahan	LA
Steven	Cook	CA
Bernardo	Falcao	TX
Donna	Burton	CA

Our society has evolved to the point that dog-fighting is no longer acceptable and those involved should be get the maximum sentence of 5 years. Thank you for hearing my voice.

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Please put criminals in jail for several years, having dogs trained to fight, it is abusive and cruel for the animals.

Dog fighting hurts so many involved with this horrific entertainment. Often children of those hosting the dog fighting, are made to watch as animals tear themselves apart. These kids often get involved in fighting as adults. However, the animals are the ones to suffer physical pain. These fights are cruel and often times, they are not given any medical care after their flesh has been torn apart; and are left to suffer in their cages. It is torture, and the perpetrators are often left with a slap on their wrist. Please remember these dogs are capable of feeling pain, sorrow, love, and loyalty yet many suffer and at times die in dog fighting rings. Please consider updating and changing the laws to protect these dogs who have not choice but to fight.

Animal fighting is a very serious crime and the sentencing guidelines should reflect that. Further, research indicates that animal abuse, including fighting, is linked to domestic violence against children and adult significant others.

I think it should be way more than 5 years. Imagine a puppy being taken home, thinking it is getting a loving environment only to be thrown into a makeshift arena & attacked by dogs, who otherwise would be loving companions, have been trained to viciously rip the poor puppy to shreds. Imagine hearing the cries & whimpers of dogs thrown into trash cans, still alive, simply because they "lost" the fight. My preference of punishment for the disgusting beings (they're not human) would actually not be prison time--it would be to put them in the same makeshift arena & let several dogs who have been trained to attack, have at the scum until he/she is no longer breathing. And I would like to be the one controlling the attacking dogs and would pull them back & then let them go, then pull them back & then let them go so that I could make the suffering as great as possible & make it drag out as long as possible. Maybe if we would impose sentencing that equaled the crime, we would have tree-hugging, cry-baby, bleeding heart liberal democrats letting those pieces of scum have a lavish life in jail because "we can't be mean to them, we have to be civil"--no we don't. You as the people who can make the changes needed for the punishment of those morons need to strap some on & tell the bleeding hearts that it's time to make people accountable for their actions with a punishment that meets the crime. Period. Get some backbone, stop being milk toast & do what the MAJORITY wants, not the what the cry-babies want.

Monica	Thacker	CA
Kim	Cabibbo	NJ
Kim	Cabibbo	NJ
Jeanette	Matusak	IL

No animal deserves to live in a cruel fighting ring! How cruelly they are treated! Please condemn these people with a strong sentence so that it will STOP! Now!! No more animals raised to fight for a scummy persons benefit!

Susan	Rice	PA
Gail	Wilke	CA
jerilyn	gibbs	MD

Please be their voice and help protect animals from this horrific act of cruelty. Please amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines so that they reflect the seriousness of this horrific crime and fully punish those who are carrying on the brutality of animal fighting. You are in the position to help protect these animals so please help save them. Please make amendments and maximize sentencing to help put a stop to this horrific crime. Animals do not deserve this brutality they deserve our help.

Janice	Pethtel	GA
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Michelle Macy TX
Michelle Macy TX

The punishment should fit the crime. Abusing and killing animals is horrific and should be treated as such. Harsher penalties should act as a deterrent. Prosecute animal abusers and killers to the fullest extent of the law!!

Lynda lpe FL

I feel people are not punished efficiently for the crime of Dog Fighting and animal cruelty. This sick act distroys lives. If someone could be so cruel to animals , it's not a far jump to humans as well.

Maria Nowicki CA

Dog fighting is a heinous crime and should be punishable by maximum sentencing at all times.

Felicia Bell CA
Maria Nowicki CA
Patricia Loverink MN
Linda Shepard VA

It is unexcusable for any animal to be used and abused. It must STOP! PLEASE address this seriously on punishment to a degree that individuals will think before hurting/abusing. This means long sentences and death. If you take a life, then so shall yours. Treat others, the way you want to be treated. This comes from the "The Holy Bible ". Please help us to help our Beloved Animals. I believe you hear my sincerity and I trust you will do the right thing. Thank you from the depths of my heart.

deborah burr GA
Dorothy Calhoun NC
deborah burr GA

there is absolutely no place in our society to allow this to continue. It is the lowest form of cruelty and something that human beings should not tolerate or allow a small segment of ignorant heartless individuals to make these animals suffer and be inbred and pain and caused such horrible conditions when it is not necessary. I ask that you intensify the sentences for dog fighting and anyone associated with dog fighting and make any animal cruelty charges stick as well as make the person who would do such a thing spend many years in jail. Thank you

This is as barbaric as it gets! And all for money. It's been said that a society is judged by the way it treats its animals. Are we a civilized, enlightened, kindly people, or are we uncaring, parasitic brutes amongst whom animal fighting or cruelty on any level is permitted and accepted as the "norm?" If the second alternative be so, then I truly DO despair of our species... for we have NOT been very good stewards of the trusting creatures placed in our care. As a society, should we not set a shining example to the world? In the end, our time shall one day be past; what would we have our legacy be? For our actions NOW, or lack thereof, and the following results, ARE the only part of us that remains. PLEASE do the right thing for those who CANNOT speak but through their suffering...

Susan	Walker	WA
Linda	Huber	PA
Cheryl	Vigoda	FL
Susan	Morris	IN
Ana	Johnston	MD
Loretta	Lukas	NV
Warren	Allely	IA
Jane	Gulley	TN

Please do this as a deterrent to the terrible cruelty of dog fighting.
We need to give these people the maximum punishment, this practice needs to be abolished!
Dogfighting is most times connected to other crimes.
Abused animals need our help. Please make sure they get it.

Sandra	Debevec Hisey	IL
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Using animals for such cruel entertainment- it's time judges understand or get educated first hand on how to pass sentencing on those that do this to any animal no excuses or latitude. If it is important enough to pass a law then judges should understand their responsibility. The morons that do that this to the animals deserve maximum penalties!

It is definitely time to take action and punish those who use dogs for fighting. Animals cannot say no I don't want to do this and therefore it is up to us and the judicial system to make the penalties for any person who uses dogs or any other animal for fighting as stiff as possible. Therefore I urge you to make sure the prison time for anyone convicted of training and using animals for fighting be a maximum of 5 years as prescribed by Congress 7 years ago - it is time to take a stand and say NO more animals should suffer at the hands of a human.

Miriam	Schechter	NY
Bruce	Langos	OH
inell	Vechi	CA
Donna	O'Berry	MD
Minerva	Mollica	NJ
Dana	Cramblett	CO

Tricia	Holliday 4	FL	Please harshen the punishment against people that commit animal cruelty. It's the best way to deter this crime against helpless animals!
Dawn	Wester	TX	
Michael	Lalanas	OH	
Daniel	McGee	MD	Dogs Are Mans Best Friend Not Mans Best Moneymaker, No Human Likes To Fight So Why Would You Think A Dog Likes To
rhonda	lawford	IL	
Linda	Gaalaas	WI	
Terry	Tedesco-Kerrick	AZ	
Linda	Gaalaas	WI	
Heather	Ortiz	MD	
Margaret	Chapman	AZ	Dog fighting is not only illegal but animal abuse of the worst kind, not only for the dogs that fight but for the dogs they use as bait and as breeders this needs to have stiffer penalties both for being illegal and animal abuse.
Pamela	Wood Vraspir	MN	
			It is imperative that criminals be punished to the extreme otherwise theses crimes against poor innocent animals will continue ad nauseam.
Larry	Kligman	NY	
Larry	Kligman	NY	Please do this so many animals are suffering!
Barbara	Slanec	IL	
mark	hollinrake	NY	
June	Sturges	CA	
Michael	Lalanas	OH	
Patricia	Harris	CO	
Donna	West	MA	This is a practice is an abomination!! Please stop all forms of it and change any and all laws to strengthen penalties or create laws to assess strong penalties to anyone involved in this practice in any way ASAP. Ask yourself? Do I want to fight and kill or be killed for someone's suck pleasure? No I don't!
Neil	Carlson	NY	
L	Kelly	NY	
			Please deal with this problem once and for all so that humanity can be deserving of that description. I am ashamed of my country for allowing this to go on...I am ashamed of my lawmakers and my judiciary...I am ashamed of my culture and my species. I am ASHAMED.
Lisa	Pattillo	TN	
Brittany	Baumgartel	FL	

Stephanie	Burns	CT
Kate	Williams	CO
Joyce	Pustilnik	NY
Annie	Malone	CA
Eric	Stordahl	MI
Bruce	Baumgartel	FL
Lisa	Moody	MD
Bonnie	Domon	CA
Joyce	Baumgartel	FL
Lisa	Pattillo	TN

Dog fighting is barbaric. People who participate in this form of depravity should be fined and incarcerated. Please help to stop this awful practice. Thank you.

I support this.

I could bet my life that the legal system would not think twice if they had to really see the horror that the poor animals have been through to make a few bucks to see pain and get excited over this practice. Why not put a human up to this standard! Think about the love and comfort these animals could give to a wounded warrior that feels like they are so injured that they would take their own lives, than live with the hell the soldiers have gone thru. Think about that for a moment and put the other shoe on!! Are these people so bored with their own lives that they have to see an dog killed before their own eyes? I think we send our own troops in harm's way and guess what there will be a dog next to them to protect . So these unfeeling dead beats should be put to the most terrible treatment that the American people have went thru with boots on the ground. Ask yourself is it easier to kill a dog or the enemy to our country.

marie	boyd	GA
Amy	Eckrich	IA
Denise	Dunlap	VA
MR.LYNNWARD	LACY	FL
Molly	Worth	CA
Lori	Sage	MI
Molly	Worth	CA
Loretta	Vasconcelles	MO
Janice	Pethtel	GA

They need to get tougher on these people. Not just slap on a wrist.find them as much money as possible

Myrl	Suite	FL
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Please sentence the offenders of dog fighting, use the persons that do this awful injustice to animals as an example to others, so this terrible crime can be stopped. Thank You.

Leslie	Devey	GA	Please help the defenseless animals that are forced into this situation by stiffening the prison sentence which will help deter people from fighting animals.
Susan	Uustal	NJ	
lauretta	anderson	CA	
jody	bello	CT	
Barbara	Sena	CA	Dog fighting is one of the most cruel things a person can do to a dog, making a otherwise gentle, loving animal kill or be killed is cruelty at its worst. If we do not make it clear through our sentencing guidelines that the inhumane crime of animal fighting is unacceptable, we as a society will lose our own humanity. Please take this issue seriously so that criminals will begin to as well.
Louise	Gardner	SC	
Melissa	Degraw	CA	
Martin	Sheehan	FL	
Barbara	Tarantino	CA	Prosecute with real jail terms, not a slap on the hand. Mandatory fines, database registry, MINIMUM one year sentences.
Karen	Spradlin	AL	
Dale	Mountan	NY	As a rescue organization we see evidence of cruelty every day as a result of dog fighting. Dogs are killed if they are not willing to fight. Those that fight are often severely injured. People who fight dogs are also responsible for breeding far too many dogs. Please help end this horrible fate by heavily sentencing anyone who who is arrested for fighting these dogs. Stop dog fighting now! Thank you. Training and forcing dogs to fight, often to the death, is extreme cruelty to animals. A sane society does not allow such barbaric activity, and those caught should be punished severely.
Christine	MacMurray	NJ	
Brenda	DiTrapani	FL	
Donna	DeChirico	NY	
Joseph	Helmick	OH	Animal fighting is cruel and inhumane. Please stop it at any cost.
Dawn	Bonaparte	NC	
Donna	DeChirico	NY	
Rob	Gonzalez	FL	

Beverlu	Lacey	NM	I live in Albuquerque, N.M. the dog fighting here is all but in the open. Pets are stolen from their yards to be used as Bait. It's a daily occurrence. Craig's list is used by thesepeople to obtain Free pets from unsuspecting owners to be used in dog fights. It is rampant in New Mexico. Dogs if not dead are dumped on roads, with missing limbs, torn apart, some still alive. This needs to STOP.
Denise	Poorman	PA	
JAMES	WELTY	FL	
Meg	Wilson	NY	
James	Tillotson	TX	
Sarah	Kemball	IA	No animal deserves this kind of abuse and being a victim like this being tortured in the worst of ways. These poor animals have no voice except ours and they offer us nothing but unconditional love! It is like throwing your child to the sharks! Don't let this continue get tough on the ones who abuse these poor animals and make good examples of them to let the human race know we will not put up with this kind of cruelty! People don't want treated like this and neither do the animals that have no voice!
Tony	Mendousa	MA	
Kathleen	Doyle	CO	There is strong evidence that animal abuse often leads to crimes against humans, so stronger animal-fighting sentences benefit both animals and humans. I believe dog fighting is very wrong and it should be a Class A Felony.
Jessica	McCarty	IN	
Lori	Hayes	NC	
LOIS	HAMILTON	TX	
Karen	Slaboski	NV	Please get serious and STOP this horrific cruelty - and make the punishment for these people much harsher. Whether it's a human or animal - when it comes to this insane cruelty there's no other difference than in the victim!
Sarah	Kemball	IA	
Jessica	McCarty	IN	
Carolyn	Saltsgiver	TN	Animals are my passion, and I want to see the maximum sentence of five years, for anyone and I mean everyone from owning a dog fighting ring and/or abusing animals. It is a sin!! Animal cruelty and abuse has been linked to abuse of humans. Please help all animal and mankind by amending the animal fighting guidelines to have the punishment better fit this heinous crime.
Carolyn	Ivie	UT	
beth	barberet	CT	

Patricia	Meehan	LA	Please punish the low lives who abuse these innocent animals for sick entertainment. No animal should be heinously trapped in such a horrible life. Thank you.
Pamela	Wood Vraspir	MN	
L	Kelly	NY	It is extremely urgent that we eliminate this horrendous crime and punish the culprits with the maximum sentencing possible - 5 years to ensure that these crimes do not keep reoccurring. A misdemeanor is not a deterrent. Under current misdemeanor charges, others continue to commit these torturous crimes. It is time we consider the animals and not the criminals. If it is stopped in this country how do we know they do not just move it Mexico or Canada ?
Suzanne	Ewing	PA	
Brenda	Anderson	CO	Dog fighting is inhumane - punishments need to be handed down that are strictly enforced and harsh (and there should be NO EARLY TIME OUT ON PAROLE!) I think they should serve a minimum of 5 years - even 10 years wouldn't be long enough for this heinous crime. It is appalling that Michael Vick got off so easily! I also think a stiff fine should be imposed and that fine money should go to the rehabilitation of these poor innocent victims, not to the government court system. Please stop this insanity. Make people aware that this is NOT going to be tolerated. Whether you are the dog owner or a betting participant, all parties need to be brought to justice!
RAYMOND	Place	FL	
Beverly	Pettine	PA	
Patricia	Compton RN	FL	THIS IS A INHUMANE PRATICE PLEASE STOP IT I believe there should be harsher sentences for animal abusers because, all too often the sadistic people get a slap on the wrist and go onto abusing more animals. I personally think 10yr min prison is a good start and to take any money and property that was used in fighting animals.
Marie Bernice	Nagle, R.N.	MA	Also, we are not in "Roman Times." These dogs suffer unthinkable abuse at the hands of drug dealers, gamblers, etc. They also abuse young children and use them as a lookout for Police. In doing so, this learned behavior perpetuates these inhumane crimes. We need stiffer penalties to send a message that these atrocities are unacceptable. Thanking you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.
marjorie	angelo	FL	
Karin	Wiehl	CT	
Fabiola	Banuelos	CA	
Fabiola	Banuelos	CA	

Thomas	Santoro	NY	<p>PLEASE , DOG - DOG FIGHTING IS INHUMANE, CRUEL AND MONSTROUS OF HUMANS TO PUT THEM THROUGH THAT PAIN. PLEASE END THAT CRIME</p> <p>Dear commisioners, I adopted a pit bull from a shelter eleven years ago and named her Chloe. She is the sweetest dog our family has ever had, perfect with our three kids, she loves everyone including other dogs and our three cats. The abuse and torture these dogs go through is horrific. They know they will be beaten or killed if they dont fight, it happens right in front of them! And yet they still love people. Did you ever see a video of a raid of a fighting compound? These dogs that are tortured and chained wag their tails at the strangers that come to take them after the compound is raided, are often able to be picked up and carried away, sadly often to be put to sleep after surviving their torture. I watched a you tube video of undercover video of what these dogs go through called Pit Bulls Unchained. Watch it if you can. I had to turn away. The people who do this to dogs for sick pleasure and profit need to be severely punished to put an end to this. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Diana and Chloe Foulke PS wish I could attach of pic of Chloe!</p>
Diana	Foulke	FL	
Kris	P.	CA	
Margaret	Wood	WV	<p>Please give stiffer punishments to anyone getting animals to fight to the death or are so badly hurt, they have to be put down. This is just downright cruel in inhumane. There is no enjoyment in watching animals fighting and inflicting pain on each other! People are the ones that cause this kind of behavior and they are the ones that should be charged and jailed. Prison sentence should be higher than 5 years also, for the way the treat and train for animals to fight.</p>
Susan	Schueller	WI	
Deborah	Thompson	MD	
Margaret	Wood	WV	
Karin	Wiehl	CT	
Kris	P.	CA	
Judy	Milliken	MA	
Erin	Kowalewski	NY	
Erin	Kowalewski	NY	
Jessica	Lensbower	PA	
Jessica	Lensbower	PA	

Judith	Hardin	VA	<p>Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.</p> <p>Dog fighting will continue as long as judges see fit to hand out a slap on the hand as punishment for these criminals. Yes, I said criminals. These people not only break the law by dog fighting and all of the other crimes that come with that, but they teach children that cruelty is O.K., and it is not. When are we going to get serious about cruelty to animals?</p>
Brenda	DiTrapani	FL	<p>This has to stop.</p> <p>Animal fighting of any kind is cruel and those who participate in it degrade themselves unspeakably. The animals are often 'taught' to fight in the most horrific ways (e.g., chewing off the limbs of a tethered dog) and those who do not 'perform' in the fight are often killed by being strung to meathooks or electrocuted. You would NOT want this in your state. Please, please be the instrument in putting an end to this. Thank you,</p> <p>Renee Manton</p>
Michelle	Birmingham	RI	
Renee	Manton	TX	
Justin	Lensbower	PA	
Christy	Sterner	PA	
Lisa	Collon	CT	It's time to get tough and crack down on animal fighting and it's time that the penalties show the seriousness of the crime.
Laura	Bailey	SC	THE LAWS NEED TO BUST ALL DOG FIGHT RINGS IMMEDIATELY
Maxcine	Parker	MN	

...ignoring is a defense crime and should be punished accordingly. Dog fighting occurs among the most heinous of criminals and the most unthinking perpetrators. This activity is a very dark representation of our culture. Not only are feeling, sentient, sweet animals subjected to horribly painful mauling and disfigurement, this activity spills over into the human population as well where a society must fear and dispose of animals who have been raised and trained to fight and kill. When set free when they are no longer useful to the perpetrator, they are a threat to humans, other dogs and are managed at a great cost to society. This is wrong and should be stopped via a punishment that is truly a deterrent. Those of us who are associated with shelters see on a daily basis how painful and expensive it is for a community to manage these poor creatures who, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, have become feared, shunned, avoided and hated. Please take action to seriously punish those who continue to push the results of this crime onto our society. Surely we are a better people than this.

Teresa	Henderson	NC
saundra	walker	NY
Mary	Stone	NC

Dear Commissioners, Please send a message to those who do not value life and provide the apparent guidance needed by our federal judiciary that the full force of the Federal Government and its citizens will not tolerate such dispicacal behavior. Your partnership is appreciated. Respectfully
The abuse these animals endure is horrific. These people do not deserve a break. Man up and do the right thing. Would you subject your pet to this treatment? Would you want your child to witness a dog fight? These are living, breathing creatures that love unconditionally, they hurt, they feel pain, they don't deserve this cruel life.

Sherrie	Courtney	CO
Linda	Taylor	NC
Teresa	Gilpin	TX
Ann	Long	IA

This issue is very important to me.
Animals are defenseless creatures that are God created and deserve a chance to a good life with love and decency. Stop ignoring this crime and finally do the right thing!

Roseanne	Thompson	VA
Tony	Afara	FL
Dale	Berson	NY
Marina	Lorenz	WI
PJ	Brown	TX

The maximum sentence is five years? Five years should be the minimum!

			Prosecute with real jail terms, not a slap on the hand. Mandatory fines, database registry, MINIMUM one year sentences.
Barbara	Tarantino	CA	
Debra	Spiece	IL	
Rosalie	Berle	MD	
Rosalie	Berle	MD	
Linda	Schmidt	FL	
Debra	Spiece	IL	—
Rosalie	Berle	MD	
Janet	Edmonds	ME	
Sally	Leinicke	NC	
			Dog fighting is absolutely disgusting and people that are in involved in it, need to be reprimanded very sternly. The state should prosecute these people to the fullest. Thank you
Kevin	Ponkey	IL	
RAYMOND	Place	FL	
			If the penalty for dog fighting was held at a higher standard than maybe we would see an end to this disgusting crime. It is not ok to treat animals this way and we need that message sent just as much as it is not ok to commit other crimes.
Erin	Ponkey	IL	
gail	owensmith	CA	
			Dear U.S. Sentencing Commission, I want to thank-you, for getting tough on dog fighting. I hope you sentence people who have dog fights to the fullest extent of the law. No animal should ever have to go through something like that. Thank-You, Linda Schmidt
Linda	Schmidt	FL	Dog fighting must stop and those who do it punished to the max.
Theresa	Gross	PA	
Hillarie	Allison	AZ	
Kathy	Flocco-McMaster	TX	
saundra	walker	NY	
Kim	Johnson	SC	
			Please help put a stop to these horrific crimes. Any human being who enjoys participating in dog fighting is a dangerous and unfeeling person. It makes my blood boil to think these horrible people are walking among us. PLEASE MAKE THEM STOP HARMING INNOCENT ANIMALS.
Carol	Culp	PA	
Joanna	Price	MD	
Karla	Moakley	NH	
Colleen	Smith	VA	

Cassandra	Westfall	OH
Colleen	Smith	VA
Sue	Schuetz	CO
matthew	genaze	MA
Jennifer	Clark	MI
betty	pejko	IL
darryl	jacobs	CA
Beth	Dalton	VA
Patricia	McLaughlin	PA

We must stop this cruel dog fighting!! These animals are not put here to be trained by humans to kill or attack for pleasure! These dogs are killed relentlessly through these dog fights we need harsher penalties stricter jail terms to put a stop to this for once and for all!! A LIFE IS A LIFE IF IT BE HUMAN OR ANIMAL ALL LIVES SHOULD MATTER!!!!

Tenille	Collard	CO
Anne	Carlson	WA
Kathy	Miller-Hoyt	OR
Sara	McLaughlin	FL
JeanneM	Irons	VA
Melody	Mobley	VA
Jamie	Green	CA
Kathy	Miller-Hoyt	OR
Andrei	Harabadji	NY
Cindi	Moritz	OH
Jennifer	Hilliard	NC

Imagine one of your family: sister, brother, parent, or child being treated the way these dogs are, really imagine it, and then think about what you would do to stop the person responsible and what you would do for justice. What kind of person can know these horrors exist, have the power to change it, and do nothing?

Animal fighting of any kind should meet with prison sentences that cannot be commuted. These people should be imprisoned for life. We must enforce serious legislation to impose harsh sentences for people who engage in any kind of cruelty to any animal.

Please punish these abusers to the full extent of the law.

Please do everything you can to stop animal fighting.

Please, consider updating the guidelines! Thanks.

tracy	baker	OH
Jennifer	Hutchinson	GA
sheila	swiderski	NC

Protect our animals from unspeakable acts of abuse and throw the book at those who engage and promote this behavior! Any person that can hurt a defenseless animal should be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

Peter	Mars	ME	It's time to stop treating dogs as though they were trash being thrown to satisfy greedy, heartless individuals who have no concern for the lives of animals who cannot defend for themselves except by being made pawns to cruel money-hungry people.
Judy	McKinney	AR	
k	o	MO	
Emily	Stafford	NM	K.O. Please take the action requested above to help end the suffering of these helpless animals. Imposing more consistently stiff penalties can help send a message that this type of human conduct is NOT ok.
kyle	terry	IN	I believe this crime should always be punished to the maximum on every offense. This is completely premeditated with no concern of the innocent helpless animal. This is inhumane and just sickening act. Please look at each offense with the thought of the poor helpless animal involved. Thanks.
tracy	baker	OH	
k	o	MO	
Judy	Fay	FL	It is almost like put a child in the situation of fight or die a horrible death. Where are your feelings? Would you put your child in a ring, tie it up with chains that they can't even hold up their heads, and watch them die. I surely hope not. Where is humane decency?
Kathie	Poole	FL	
E	Kersten	AZ	
Julie	Raupp	WI	
Jeanne	Zamora	CA	
Michelle	Domb	NY	
Maria	Loyola	NY	Dogs are innocent smart beautiful and are able to guide blind individuals to cross the street to -live. It is horrifying to what their owners put them through to fight each other. WE MUST BE CIVILIZED AND HUMANE -PLEASE END THIS BRUTAL CRIME
Pam	Woosley	IL	
Claudio	Conde	FL	Maximum sentencing should be more than 5 years!!!!
Jeanne	Zamora	CA	
Yvonne	Lopes	NY	
Marianne	Davis	WV	
Simona	Bixler	VA	
Diane	Ross	WI	
Rosalie	Berle	MD	

Rosalie	Berle	MD
Diane	Ross	WI
Kathy	Adams	CA

Joel	Griffin	CA
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The way in which our society treats animals greatly reflects our compassion and morals;in addition, the serious punishment of those who abuse and torture animals also reflects our societies values and commitment to protect innocent lives. The barbaric act of dog fighting represents the worst in the human species. Abusing and forcing innocent creatures to fight for the sake of so called entertainment reflects sadly on any society that would find these actions acceptable. The consequences for pitting innocent animals (regardless of species) against one another should be substantial. A civilized society cannot turn a blind eye and allow this cruelty to continue to exist.

Myra	Dewhurst	FL
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Please do the right thing for these poor dogs who need us to help protect them.We need to protect the animals not the people who participate in this horrendous act .Thank you

judy	Ryan	CT
Carol	Maio	PA
Dede	Sheoris-Levitt	NY
Gloria	Cameron	PA
Gloria	Cameron	PA

Dog fighting and cock fighting are abhorrent, barbaric practices that show the lowest levels that humans can descend to, and as such, must be punished with utmost severity. These crimes must involve mandatory jail times with no probation on first offence; no early release; and MANDATORY IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION OF ILLEGAL ALIENS INVOLVED, as sadly, some of these "events" are frequented primarily by people from Latin America and other countries.

Elizabeth	Gannon	WI
Elizabeth	Gannon	WI

One way to help stop this brutal crime is to make the sentencing reflect the crime. Send a message that wee do not tolerate this crime.

Jimmie & Suzanne	Harmes	OH
Marina	Tachlinski	DE

thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008.

Jona	Johnson	GA
Maria	Reyed	WI
Ruth	Bescript	AZ

jodi	guenther	MT
Michael	McDonald	CT
Ruth	Bescript	AZ
Cindy	Moczarney	IL

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 please help us to make punishment fit the crime with dog fighting. dog fighting should be stopped and maybe if they went to prison for 5 yrs not jail for 2mths or get off they would think twice. the dogs suffer not the criminals.

linda and craig	denegar	FL
nancy	morgan	CA

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE your help in the animal fighting guidelines in your amendment cycle. THANK YOU,

Connie	Hutton	WY
Kimberly	Gill	DC
Sabina	Gross	NY
Jessica	Springs	GA
Linda	Kehew	NC
Kristin	Devlin	PA

No more pain for our purrs n pups!!!

Janet	Wilson	AZ
Kristi	Hutchison	CA
Susan	DePue	KY
Susan	DePue	KY

Please update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum sentence of 5 years.

Great cause

Please consider the trauma these dogs, many forced to fight, must endure until the death. Please enforce stricter punishment on individuals who have no concern about the feelings or well being of these God created creatures. You may be their only voice to stop this barbarous activity, by cruel or unconcerned participants. Perhaps by enforcing stricter laws against this horrible sport, we can send a message to those who willingly allow harm to these creatures called man's best friend. Maybe, we can stop this inhumane practice.

Scott	South	NM
Karen	Lloyd-Davies	CA
William	Easterling	NY
Kara	Graul	TX
Lauren	Fenenbock	TX

This obscene cruelty must stop. Dogs are Man's best friend, not commodities to earn Criminals dirty money. Thank you.

Russell	Dam	MO
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Dog fighting is Cruel, Barbaric, Uncivilized, Inhumane and Unnecessary. To torture, kill and make these dogs suffer all for the entertainment of uncivilized people is unforgiveable. No animal on Earth deserves to be treated with Cruelty. "The Greatness of a Nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-Mahatma Gandhi.

Russell	Dam	MO	— ANIAML FIGHTING OF ANYKIND IS BARBARIC AND AGAINST BASIC PRINCIBLES OF LIFE PRESERVATION AND IT TEACHES NO REGARD FOR LIFE !!
PATSY A Judith	MATTHEWS Casale	SC NY	
Georg	miller	TX	Animail fighting is cruel and inhumane. In a civilized society with computers, smartphones and virtual TV games with movies on demand, one would think their is enough to keep one occupied in a proper sence. people who partake in such activites should be severely prosecuted and made an example out of. The maximum penalty should be at least five years imprisonment for anyone involved in any kind of animal fighting!
Samantha	Wright	NY	They don't have a voice,we are there voice they are on death row all over because of these abusers !!!
Leigh Rebecca	Weinberger Tresnak	NJ TX	
			... please, let the punishment fit the crime, if someone thing not to value human lives as we are not helpless and can, often, fight back against those trying to hurt us. When it comes to defenseless animals, who can't help the situation they are put in, those who put them in that situation should be punished to the point of deterrence. The lack of value of life these individuals show is repulsive, disgusting and a clear indication of what pain they are willing to inflict on living things. A dog one day, a human the next. It is not a stretch! These dogs don't deserve what is, or has, been inflicted upon them! Oftentimes, because they have been put in this position the only way to deal with them after they have been rescued is to be euthanized. How is that fair? They lose their lives either way while these ignorant persons get a slap on the wrist! No more!!! Please show that you are, not only feeling human beings, but, also, enlightened enough to show that you will tolerate this cruelty no longer! Tougher sentences are in order!!!
Stacey Takemi	Davis-Sanzo Ueno	NC NY	

the inhuman nature of dog fighting needs to be considered for the monstrously cruel "culture" that it is. These animals are innocent victims ;they don't have a voice, so human beings have to speak for them. In addition, it is known that people who abuse animals more often than not are abusers of their fellow man. I ask you to look at the harsh reality behind this amendment, and to speak up for humanity by holding those culpable to pay their debt to society to the fullest extent possible. Thank you for your attention to this important, tragic matter.

Jade	Myers	MA
Naomi	Rendon	TX
Pat	Butler	PA
Judith	Casale	NY
Michael	Cecil	MO

This is an outrageous abuse of those who have no voice with which to protest!!!

Delores	Parker	TX
Olivia	Verdecchia	KY
Lynn	Samuels	VA
Leanne	Jones	AZ
Crystal	ROSALES	VA
robindudek	dudek	MI

STOP THIS CRUELTY, PLEASE, AND PUNISH APPROPRIATELY THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN IT.

Keep fighting the good fight!

Erika	Davis	TX
Sierra	Ashmore	FL
Eric	Kennedy	NJ
Rory	Obonaga	VA
Rory	Obonaga	VA
Kathleen	Zambrano	MN

CRACK DOWN ON ANIMAL FIGHTING
Dogs are creatures worthy of respect, not used as objects by some humans, to be kicked around. The owners should be fined.

Eric Kennedy

Vicki	Ritze	CO
patricia	shugars	VA
barbara	Schenkel	FL

We need to be the voice for those who cannot speak. This violence must be stopped, and those responsible punished . i love all dogs and they love people gave the breed of pitt bulls a chance..

THIS KIND OF BARBARIC CRUELTY IS UNIMAGINABLE TO ME AND I SUSPECT TO A GREAT MANY OTHERS AND IT NEEDS TO END. THE FOLKS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMITTING SUCH UNSPEAKABLE CRUELTY MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE!!!

Judith	Maron-Friend	OR
Denise	Lytle	NJ
Victoria	Cordova	TX

Great cause

kay	dukes	SC	It is absolutely deplorable that people are using any animal for fighting. The maximum allowable of at the least 5 years imprisonment should be given. I think it should be even more. We are supposed to love, take care and protect those who cannot take care of themselves. Not use their pain and agony to make money or just for fun. Animals give unconditional love and give us their trust. We should honor them not use them.
Donna	Malone	VA	

Toni	Formichelli	NJ	Put these cold monsters behind bars for a LONG time. Anyone that can easily put an animal in harms way is not far from hurting another human being. THEY MUST BE STOPPED!!!!
Linda	Provost	MD	
Barbara	Pullaro	FL	

christopher	kingrey	OH	Dear Commissioners, If congress can put in place law's about abortion, then they should be able to put law's about dog fighting. This is a very bad way for a dog to live. to have to fight for survival is no way to live, the dogs deserve better then that. They have a soul, they live, they breath, they hurt, they love, they have all of human emotions, they cry, they morn , they hurt , they need YOUR HELP , to help them live... PLEASE HELP THEM...
Joanne	Deyoe	NY	

Christina	Nelson	IL	I am reading the ASPCA screen and decided to sign this letter. Thank you. Unless the penalties for dog fighting are tougher, the scum engaging in dog-fighting will continue to do it. We must send a message by giving the offenders serious jail time, not just a slap on the wrist. Unlike their abusers, animals are sentient beings who must rely on us to protect them from exploiters. Update the guidelines!
Vickie	Carter	FL	
Nancy	Betterton	TX	
Jennifer	Myers	IN	

Gail	Davison	NY	THIS HAS TO STOP NOW!! Only sick people watch animals fight.And even sicker people make animals fight.Animals can't speak for themselves so we are their voices. Thank You Gail Davison
Doris	Hoffman	NY	

Kristin	Devlin	PA
Anastasia	Hanifan	NY
Charlene	Andrzejcik	AL
andrew	kessler	UT

Naomi Rendon TX
James Tillotson TX

Dianne Wright NV
Cheryl Sheldon TX
David Lehr NC
Nicola Jaeger TX
Donny Lamb OR

Barbara Ramirez PA
Jennifer O'Day WI
Lori Bateman TX
Susan Garton KY

I believe that people who abuse animals need to understand that there are severe consequences and that the potential for long-term incarceration is real.

Dog fighting is cruel and unusual punishment for dogs. IT MUST END!

While only a small percentage of people are involved in this barbaric activity, its repercussions are far reaching. The very essence of pitting animals against each other for sport is too close to doing the same thing to humans - we know this happens as well. The mindset of those involved, inflicting pain and suffering on innocents, they will do the same to other people. These sick individuals need to be locked up and treated for the disease they suffer from rather than spreading it to other people who will then turn their depravity on us. Please make the penalty stronger, stop them from teaching others that killing is a sport.

Anna Holland NC
danielle arfin FL
David J. Sienkiewicz PA
Bruce Gustafson ME
Carol, Pranitch HI

J Roberts AZ
jodi guenther MT
Terri Neizmik PA
Terri Neizmik PA
Millie Segrest TN
Kristin LoBiondo FL
Deborah Glasel WA
Lisa Lancaster TN
donna mccuen CO
Beth yurosko IN

Animal fighting is a horrible, bloody thing. It encourages violence, gambling and an insensitivity to cruelty. Please punish people involved in this, their greed is abominable!

LouAnne	Peck	AZ	im disappointed we or tne united states nave not naa tne common sense over all these years to punish anyone who uses animals to fight to the death. how am I suppose to respect legislators, paid by taxpayers, who have turned their backs on this for years and then don't jump at the chance to enact punishment for cruelty of animals. why do legislators/politicians/judges not have the common sense or "balls" to stop the criminal activity. we as a nation don't seem to be any better than those "third world" nations we point the finger at. shame shame shame.
e	t	MI	
Laura	Bass	FL	Animal fighting is a very cruel and vicious crime. It should NOT go unpunished!!!
Marcia	Burch	VA	
Renee	Nieberding	OH	This Is Such A Horrific Crime, And So Inhumane, That The Maximum Sentence of 5 Years Is Not Enough!!! These Criminals Who Engage In Dog Fighting need To Know Up Front, They Will Pay Heavily With A 5 Year Sentence In Prison And A Heavy Fine!!! This Is An Intolerable Act They Are Committing On Innocent Lives Of Of Helpless Dogs!!! They Need To Pay For This Inhumane Crime!!!!
Cherie	Rief	AL	
Stephanie	Cummings	PA	I've always believed that there should NEVER be dog fighting anywhere!!!! Dogs have feelings, they hurt just like us humans. What would happen if the roles were reversed???? Would they make us fight other humans? Would they even care? That's why we need to put an end to dog fighting, NOW! I had a beautiful red-nosed Pit Bull - and she was the sweetest thing ever. A lot of people are shy around pit bulls because they think they're so vicious. They're only vicious if they're trained to be. And it's not just them, but other types of dogs as well. No dog should EVER endure a painful fight for us to gain popularity, money or whatever it is. NO DOG SHOULD SUFFER BY OUR HAND!!!! I'm against Dog Fighting - and I will continue to fight for the dogs' freedom and happiness!
Rebecca	Kroll	PA	
Corinne	Kelly	NC	
Marcia	Burch	VA	
Kathleen	Zambrano	MN	Please be the one who stands up for the helpless!

ROSE	CASSEL	NY	<p>Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.</p> <p>This is such a horrible and cruel activity that I would not even say 'sport'. It is a sign of the chaos and criminality in our country today. Severe punishment would not only send a strong message but also help remove this activity from the environment of many young people who would otherwise feel that it is part of normal life. Thank you for considering my opinion in this matter.</p> <p>Let's help reinforce the strength of our animal fighting sentencing guidelines. This is a brutal practice with our animals paying the price.</p> <p>Real men and women do not abuse/neglect Animals!</p>
Janice	Patrick	OH	
Nancy	Wait	WI	
renee	cariglia	NV	
Barbara	Ramirez	PA	
Pamela	Lay	AR	
Jeannie	Misener	OH	
Haley	Hutchinson	IA	
larry	smith	CA	I favor stiff penalties for animal abusers
larry	smith	CA	—
Helen	Barge	CA	
donald	erbes	OH	
Penelope	DeCoster	IL	
Anne	Harris	FL	
Barbara	Mateo	CA	Please give the maximum sentence possible to these criminals.
Jill	Polanycia	CO	
Laura	Foss	FL	<p>DOGS ARE NOT MEANT TO BE USED FOR THE AWFUL PEOPLE THAT TRAIN THEM TO BE SO VILE & VICIOUS. THEY ARE INSTINCTIVE TO ATTACK ONLY WHEN NECESSARY!THIS IS HORRIBLE!</p> <p>Surly many of you have dogs of your own. How would you feel if it was your pet forced into a life they just dont want. ? They don't ask for much just a warm place to live someone to love plus a little kindness and they become a loyal friend. Pleas help stop dog fighting. Thank you</p>
Eileen	Glasco	FL	

Dear Commissioners, I would like to implore that you update the guidelines to increase the penalty of Dog Fighting criminals. If we were to let offenders off with a light sentencing, they would not equate the seriousness and brutality of their crime to the penalty involved. A dog (and in this situation), we are talking about so many innocent dog lives suffering, being forced to fight against their will and being executed in the most inhumane way (shot, raped, downed and the crazy list goes on). I cannot understand just because dogs are unable to speak, we treat them any less than humans. It is still a precious life. I do not think that I need to continue with the long story of the horrific sufferings these pure souls are being put through daily until their deaths as Dog Fighting has been brought to the national spotlight in recent years. We have to remember that maybe dogs are the only things that might love us more than he loves himself. And the fact that so many of us like minded individuals are rallying for this cause speak volumes of the situation we have on hand. Another crucial social issue is that 90% of killers start with animal abuse. Until we can solve this problem, we can NEVER be safe. Please - We hope to see a triumph against the crimes of Dog Fighting rings and to drill in the concept that Dog Fighting is a serious federal crime and would not be tolerated. Thank you so much for taking the time to go over this comment.

Chua Shi Yuan OR

Animals depend on us to speak for them and we in turn depend on leaders such as yourselves to do the right thing. Please be a voice for the protection of animals.

Helen Barge CA

alejandra Velasquez CT

I completely agree! There should be no dog fights

Nancy Fredericks CA

I am an ASPCA member and local member. I am definitely for the maximum guidelines of 5 yrs.

Please urge judges to impose tougher penalties on animal abusers. It is a well know fact that those who abuse animals, also abuse humans and some even go on to become serial killers. Stopping this horrible cycle in its tracks at the first sign is very important. These animals should not be made to suffer and with judges imposing slaps on the wrists to these offenders, we are opening the door for more animals to suffer horrible deaths and allowing these offenders to hone their torture and killing skills for eventual use on other humans. In addition, most dog-fighters also deal in illegal guns and drugs. This is bad for the communities where these dog-fighters live and set up "shop". These dogs do not want to fight - they only want to be loved and shown affection but they are also loyal to their master and will do whatever they can to please him/her. To be placed in a pit and forced to fight until the death is barbaric. To have an animal tied up and used as bait, to be shredded to pieces then dumped like garbage on the side of the road is just horrific. These animals deserve better and they deserve justice. Handing down a year in jail or paying a fine of \$ 2500.00 -that just does not cut it! That is NOT Justice. That is a slap on the wrist with a finger wagging in the face and being told "don't do it again". Tougher laws and tougher penalties are needed to stop the cycle. These animals deserve better. They deserve our love.

Sherry	Conroy	MD
Karen	Lindstrom	WA

I would love to see people punished at the full extent of the law, it's up to us to protect animals. Know animal deserves to be hurt, killed, tortured. I'm sicken by the thought of people getting away with it. I urge that people who abuse animals never has the chance to do it again. We are the voice for animals they can't speak for themselves. I do what I can to help

Nicole	Buchanan	CA
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Animals are like children, they have an unconditional love for their owner/parent now mater how they are treated. No living, breathing animal/child should be mistreated in any way. I would put my life on the line for a child or animal that is mistreated. The same as I would for my mother or father. I have had pets all my life and have and will go with out to make sure they get the care they need. Now I have a cost with asthma. Her Medes are appox \$250 every two months. If I can't afford it then I cannot afford my Dunkin Donuts coffee. We are here to protect the ones that can not speak for themselves.

Joanne	Carlson	MA
Jill	Polanycia	CO

Kathlen	hatton	OH
Hannah	Kienow	NC
Hannah	Kienow	NC
Kathlen	hatton	OH
Melissa	Carry	TX
Kris	Cordova	CA
Christa	Pfeiffer	PA

It is evil and evil people do it. Anyone that can cause an animal to lose its innocence and make it suffer in this despicable way should not be treated as a fellow human being. Punishment should include for them the pain and sentence they give to animals that count on them for their survival. It is a ruthless blood thirsty mind that could be part of it and everyone knowing and allowing it to happen should be arrested and persecuted to the fullest extent. Laws need to be adjusted and rewritten so this happens.

Patricia	Rossi	FL
Debbie	Greene	NC

If you crack down on this horrible practice and give harsh sentencing, it might stop people from doing this.

Vicky	Lawrence	AL
Debbie	Greene	NC
MaryAnn	Bomarito	CA
dorothyanne	lefore	PA
dorothyanne	lefore	PA
Nora	Crystal	CA

I am an owner of a dog who was used in dog fighting who was dumped and left to die. His head injuries were so severe he was practically unrecognizable as a dog. He has numerous other scars and body parts missing. Please do not allow these criminals to not get the punishment they deserve for being so cruel and inhumane!

Leigh	Grosvenor	FL
Pamela	Hamulak	OH
Philip	Englert	IL
Pamela	Hamulak	OH

ANIMALAND DOGFIGHTING HAS TO END WE ARE ALLOWING THESE MONSTERS TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN VERY BAD THINGS ! ONCE AN ANIMAL ABUSER THEN ON TO HUMAN BABIES THEN ADULTS AND ON TO SERIAL KILLERS !!THIS MY FRIEND IS A PROVEN FACT !!#SAYNOTOANIAMLABUSERS

PATSY A	MATTHEWS	SC
barbara	Schenkel	FL
Lisa	Vauter	MI

I support this amendment please do all you can to end dog fighting
We need to stop punishing the victims and punish the perpetrators.

Anyone Who Engages In The InHumane Act Of Animal Fighting Is Committing A Horrific Act So Intolerable That They Should Be Punished With A Maximum Sentence Of At Least 5 Years, And I Don't Believe That Even Equals The Crime Of What They Are Doing!!!!!! People Like This Often Go On To Do Other Horrible Crimes Against Society!!!! I Want To Make Sure They Pay Heavily And Know Up Front, If They Engage In Dog Fighting They Will Get A Heavy Prison Sentence Of At Least 5Years!!!!!!!

Cherie	Rief	AL
Marcine	Wilson	IA
Linda	McLaughlin	FL
Fernando	Pueblo	CA
Michael	Cecil	MO
Jeanne	piehl	MN
Wendy	Forster	AL

I here is no reason to allow dog fighting and every reason to stop it. The people who promote dog fighting expose children to the dog fighting and perpetuate a culture of violence, bullying, and abuse. The kids get 'comfortable' with violence and stomping on the weak and take it to the schools and then their families as they have children. As a former inner-city Chicago school teacher, I am telling you that the families that modelled kindness and protection of animals had kids who grew up to be models of kindness.

Donna	Rubinson	IL
Jillian	Chopyak	NY
Christeen	Anderson	FL

We urge the toughest penalties possible (5 years!) for anyone convicted of organizing, promoting or sponsoring any kind of animal fights. It baffles me that so many people have zero compassion for animals. Abusing animals is a crime against humanity. I'm currently overseas fighting for a country that allows such horrible mistreatment of other living beings. The people responsible for such terrible actions are dangerous. They mistreat helpless animals. What is to stop them from mistreating a helpless child? They are grown people who should held 100% accountable for their actions.

Mackenzie	VanDenover	CA
Joey	Haga	PA
donna	wassmuth	NY
Dalilah	lopez	NC

kill the creeps that fight dogs

Jo anne	Whitteaker	FL
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Anyone who allows this to continue to happen also needs to be put in prison immediately with no chance for parole for a minimum of the five year and longer . Thank you.

Connie	Bock	MN	Please make this a priority! I am deeply concerned about this and believe action must be taken immediately to help protect the animals!
Melissa	Siebke	MN	Again, please take action immediately during this cycle. This is such an important issue and needs addressing now. Thank you! This barbaric crime needs to be stopped. The penalty needs to be severe. No loop holes to get around this crime when convicted. These defenseless animals need to be protected. Please do all you can to put laws into place today.
Christine	Lockhart	TX	
Christine	Lockhart	TX	
carolyn	conwell	OK	
Mari	Delh	IL	
Susan	Peterson	MI	Who can deny the unconditional love dogs and other creatures provide us?? We have no business minimizing ANY behaviors that encourage cruelty and bloodshed against or between innocent, sentient creatures.
Carol	Reynolds	NC	
Pat	Brooks	TX	
Phany	Kao	NV	
Jaime	Soltero	NV	
perla	corona	CA	
Cheryl	Zellmer	VA	Prosecute abusers to the fullest extent of the law. Ban from any animal contact again.
Yara	Quezada	NC	
Heather	McHugh	CA	
Jo anne	Whitteaker	FL	Anyone who allows this to continue to happen also needs to be out in prison immediately with no chance for parole for a minimum of the five year and longer . Thank you. Animal fighting is a barbaric practice that deserves strict penalties.
Steven	Johnson	TN	
Donna	Steinmetz	OH	
Hugh	Mungus	IN	
Lauren	Lynley	CA	I urge you to apply the harshest possible sentencing guidelines for animal abusers. In addition, many of these offenders endured brutality themselves so therapy and drugs if necessary should be used to prevent them from going from bad to worse. A large majority of violent offenders start by abusing animals. Knowing this, the justice system should behave appropriately.

			This type of crime, animal fighting, is vicious, disgusting and the lowest of the low. Animals are innocent and they deserve to be cared for, respected and never harmed. Punishment of these monsters should be to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you
Marcy	Crane	AZ	
Mary	Saucedo	TX	
Tammie	McCandless	NC	
A B	Dawson	SC	
Tammie	McCandless	NC	
Marcy	Crane	AZ	
			I Own A Pitbull Myself And They Are The Most Loving Respectful obedient dog I've ever owned and I think it's amazing way you guys do...
Raven	McGee	IN	
Rosanne	Tarantolo	LA	
Judith	Edwards	CA	
Judith	Edwards	CA	
			Studies show a strong linkage between violence against animals and against people. Please show that the depraved mindset that would allow you to torture and destroy such a wonderful breed and its reputation is unacceptable and worthy of more than a slap on the wrist.
Rebecca	Spaite	AZ	
Brenda	Philpsen	WI	
Brenda	Philpsen	WI	
Gina	Cross	FL	
anna	rutland	PA	
Donna	Steinmetz	OH	
			This is a horrible and disgusting crime to tigt innocent animals that do not have a voice! The punishment needs to fit the crime and they should be charged accordingly. You fight and kill innocent animals, you should have the same punishment. Eye for an eye. My heart feels very strongly about this since I am in the veterinary industry and sell products to help in saving animals.
Jamie	Elder	TX	
Jessica	Morrison	AL	
Elaine	borno	CT	
			I love what y'all do and I have 2/pitties name yumyum and Bella and I hate dog fighting and I want to share that I am against it
Jessica	Morrison	AL	
			It is past time for the crime of animal cruelty to be taken much more seriously. Let's get busy and crack down on the criminals that commit this foul and inhumane crime of animal fighting.
pat	lukensmeyer	AZ	

BARBARA	NECKER	NY
Margot	Lowe	CA
Tia	Case	OH
Jessica	Morrison	AL
Elaine	borno	CT

The crime of dog fighting is an extreme form of animal cruelty. Dogs who do not die of their wounds lead lives of pain, fear, and misery. The punishment should be as harsh as the law allows.

Mary Ann	McFarland	VA
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animal fighting is barbaric and should STOP now!!! These poor innocent animals should never be subject to this type of inhumane treatment. Please make the laws stronger and by prosecuting these losers to the fullest extent.

Jodi	Uhler	IL
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We have to speak for these animals because they can not speak for themselves.

Dalene	Nelson	WI
Lisa	Haugen	MO
Cynthia	Harding	MI
Amy	Shepler	PA
Amy	Shepler	PA
Todd	Shepler	PA

staci	howell	OK
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I love my pitz and people talk bad about them it aint there fault.Itz the owners.People who dog fight should get really strict prison sentences.
Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.

Meryl	Pinque	ME
jason	Martinez	PA
Louise	Macura	PA
Louise	Macura	PA

Lynda	Gedge	MA
ashley	hunt	AZ

Let these people get a job and choose life! Those poor dogs, it's disgusting

TRICIA	ACEVEDO	CA	As an owner of a beautiful pure bred female Pit Bull, it sickens me to the core when I hear about the horrible conditions and treatment that these amazing animals had to endure. They obey and listen to their owners because its in their nature and because all they want in return is Love. So these horrible human beings need to learn and be taught that mistreating, abusing and training these animals to fight is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated! Please help these innocent victims by making the sentencing fit the crime across the board. No tolerance for any kind of abuse! Please, I beg you. Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard. Sincerely,
			We need to do all we can to stop dog fighting and animal cruelty! Any person who is capable of this, is capable to harm people. We need harsher sentences and consequences to those who are convicted of such inhumane acts. With harsher sentences, hopefully will deter some from participating and the problem will become less of an issue. Please help us to pass this amendment. Thank you for your hard work!
Christen	Shepherd	WI	
Nora	Burns	CA	
Nora	Burns	CA	—
brenda	espinosa	CA	
Amanda	Brown	CA	
Paige	Mellish	NH	
Allison	Anson	MI	
Viki	Read	MI	
Viki	Read	MI	
Michael	Wisk	IN	
			I have got this dog that has been locked up in a basement all her life and her owner gave her food for pit bulls and she is just a chihuahua and now she is as spoiled as can be but is a good dog and it is just like child abuse because you have to almost do everything for them
jessica	perez	IL	
Shannon	Schimpf	PA	
Shannon	Schimpf	PA	
Lenika	Rivas	AZ	
Sandra	Logan	IN	
Sandra	Logan	IN	
			Hello, I am very much for this movement. I believe no dogs should be fighting and they should only be loved and cared for.
Laura	Allen	FL	Thank you, Laura Allen
Rickie	Palombo	LA	

justin	woodrum	WV	
			Please step up and make the punishment fit the crime for animal fighting. Please amend the federal sentencing guidelines on dog fighting. This world is littered with those just like Michael Vick. Animal fighting and a use is not acceptable.
Pamela	Carpenter-Hauck	FL	
Viki	Read	MI	
Tommy	Trieu	NY	
Billy	Little	KY	Dog fighting is the worst!! love all of them.
Janet Marie	Piraino	IL	
Rebecca	Aguado	TX	this is so messed up im glad you guys are doing it i want to show support
Linda	Kozak	TX	People who commit the act of animal cruelty should be given the maximum penalty. Please help stop animal cruelty!
Kim	Cabibbo	NJ	
Linda	Kozak	TX	
Jerry	Morris	FL	Please stop this cruelty
Lisa-Marie	Laurin		
			NO DOG DESERVES THIS ABUSE !!!! ALL DOG FIGHTING PEOPLE NEED TO GO TO PRISON FOR IT AND FINED BIG TIME SO IT LEAVES A MESSAGE TO OTHERS WHO IS DOG FIGHTING NOW OR DECIDES TO DOG FIGHT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
JOY	WILLIAMS	IL	
Linda	Claypool	IL	
Loretta	Lukas	NV	Surely animals have suffered enough. It is time for changes. Thank you.
			Please, PLEASE, lets get serious & lets get tough on dog fighting. Higher fines & mandatory minimum sentencing of 10 years. (5 not enuff if ur getting real). Please add this to the upcoming animal fighting guidelines. I thank you very much.
Kimberly	Curry		Those animals do not deserve to be torcher that way. To find pleasure in this is just sick. I say ban dog fighting and jail the owners for 10 years or better. They need to learn that animals have feelings too and they hurt just like we do. They don't even try to help the dog after it has been all bit up it just sit's there in pain and bleeding. These kinds of people are not people any more they have become savages on a small scale. Don't let that scale get larger who knows what they will move to next. Please save the animals from savages put them all in jail. We all are Gods creatures and none should be hurt or have to feel pain like that. Love is what's needed not malice, there are many tainted hearts for money the hearts needs to change.
vorcinthia	pope	VA	

April Stevens FL
Brianna munsinger AZ

I really hope this is seriously considered, dog fighting is harmful for all the animals involved. Plus it only gives dogs commonly used in fighting rings a bad name, making it harder for those people that aren't horrible human beings to have them as companions.

Gypsy crakes MI

animal cruelty should be no different then a child molester.they both abuse the things that cant help there self.a child and an animal are both live heart beating mammals.any creature with blood running through there veins should be protected and given the maximum sentence 25 to life.any one that abuses animals is a threat to society.5 years is not enough punishment for an abuser.its not just the fact of dog fighting look what that dog has to go through to be a fighter they are tied on a disgustingly heavy for all there life they are kept in solitary conditions if they dont win the fight they are left to die while suffering from the injuries they received from the fight.then we have the bait dogs these are the ones that suffer the most there mouth is taped shut so they cant defend there selves during the fight when the practice is over they are thrown away to die.a lot of these bait dogs are family pets that have been stolen right out of peoples yards,just like a child molester would do.please reconsider the sentencing these people should not get a slap on there hand they should get a very strong sentence at least 25 years if its more then one dog involved it should be 25 years to life.this might make these people to think before they do this crime.we dont need these people in our society they are a danger to all.

Pierce Theresa TX

We must be the voice for those who have none. No living creature should be tortured and humans be allowed to get away with it with just a slap on the wrist. If the punishment is not enough to deter the crime there will be no change.

Shirley Maiden

We the people who have pet dogs implore you to set the sentences to fit the crime, dog fighting is so cruel and disgusting.

Brigett Bearden CO
Brianna munsinger AZ
Kevin Frye

Please start cracking down on dog fighting and using and animal ad bait. These crimes are atrocious and need to be punished. The punishments need to be harsher and more attention need to be brought to this subject. These horrendous acts of unimaginable torture can not continue to be ignored or dismissed with simple fines. Please help end dog fighting and using animals as bait.

Andrea	Alexy	TX	Please sentence these people whatever maximum is.
Amanda	watkins	MI	
Kristen	Pietrusiewicz	VA	
Emily	Lumpkin	SC	
Alice	Gines	MD	GET TOUGH!!!!!! The minimum should be 5 years. These are horrible people that do things like this to poor defenseless animals and they should not be able to be on the streets to harm any more animals it is just a matter of time that they will harm people if they haven't already.
Lori	Udenberg	MN	Since they can't be put in the ring with these dogs they should at least get an appropriate sentence. This has become an issue which clearly shows the disregard of the perpetrators for the legal system and our society. Please, show those who insist on violating life and the will of law abiding citizens that their crime is a serious and unwanted one. Illegal money making through abusing living beings must be seen as a serious warning sign to the tendencies of those criminals, that can lead to as serious offenses against humans as well. Thank you.
Andy	Benik	CA	We should band dog fighting and if anyone is caught dog fighting they should get 10yrs plus for the crime.
Nelson	Echevarr_a	PR	I don't understand that in the US you would get less time than I would get for a minor crime. Do you want to be OK with the inhumane act and torture of not only the fight to the death...but the cruel disabling treatment before the fights, the innocent pets that are stolen and used for bait. What will it take for the US and the world to not be OK with the torture of animals!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The only thing I can imagine is the people who are making these laws are taking part in the act....betting, making money, maybe even participating more.
Lesle	Skinner	SD	AWFUL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
BRUCE	CHRYSTAL	IA	
Maggie	Brislin		
Faris	Farwell	NJ	Abolish dog fighting by making minimum sentences at least 25 years in prison.
Simone	Fonseca	CA	

If we, as a society, enforce only soft penalties to such unspeakable acts of violence for sport or profit, then we accept such behavior. Unfortunately, I do not and can not believe this is true. Allowing such acts rips apart the moral fiber of what our society should stand for. It makes neighborhoods more dangerous and desensitizes the brutal and cruel acts against animals whether they are trained to fight or just the gentle pet who gets stolen for the main purpose of being "bait" and then killed by another animal. This is a despicable and disgusting occurrence that is happening in many towns and cities around this country and our law enforcement and government turns a blind eye to it. The people behind these act of barbaric cruelty are thugs and criminals and need to be taken off the streets with the use of stiffer penalties than are currently in place. You need to change the laws and make these people be held accountable rather than giving them a slap on the wrist. Slap the cuffs on them and put them away for years, not months! We need your help and we need it now. Thank you for your time.

James	Balga	NJ
LISA	ANSELMO	AR
Maureen	Smith	AZ

Please support the amendment to the update the animal fighting guidelines. We must do everything we can to send the message that dog fighting is a crime and will not be tolerated. Your adoption of this amendment will go a long way toward achieving that goal. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Susan	Strejlau	NY
stacy	duarte	CA

Tougher laws needs to be put in place and enforced! Make a difference, be a hero!
There needs to be a change NOW. Our society needs harsher penalties for those people that promote dog fighting, it is the only way to bring about the change. Once convicted and placed in jail, they should be enrolled in the program that pairs a rescued dog with a convict.

Michelle	Lowell	ME
Samantha	Pinto	
Yvonne	Sell	CA

Doris	Shultz	IL	we are not barbarians as far as I know. we have supposeuqy become a civilized society that does not need to fight dogs or use other dogs/animals for bait to get the dogs worked up to want to kill. Anything to do with dog fighting (or any other animal fighting) needs to be a federal offense that is a felony with very strict jail time. Let's get this sentencing guidelines more in line with this crime and add stiff fines that cover the cost of vetting and boarding. If they cannot fight dogs they will stop breeding them and our animal control costs will be reduced along with the number of animals euthanized each day.
Kyle	Lairmore	NV	It's time we come together to stop dogfighting and prosecute the people who do this. It time to shout out that we as animal lovers won't tolerate this anymore.
Maya	Chikira	DC	people who can abuse animals are more likely to become serial killers or to move on to abusing humans next, so it is for all our benefit to punish/rehab those people with twisted mind.
Mary	Poster	FL	We need to protect these dogs that have no voice. 5 years is a good start. Thank you for listening to the people. Dogfighting is a heartless cold act that put dogs in a vulnerable position. Fogs are to be loved and nurtured not thrown in a cage to kill. The people need to get maximum sentence to learn from this horrific crime:(
Sherri Maria	fillinger Carrasquillo	FL	
Lorna christine	Jenkinson engels	FL	Get Tough! It will never stop until the maximum jail sentence is 15/20 years maximum!
Betsy	Lane	PA	
Lorna Hannah	Jenkinson Bennington	NE	Get Tough! It will never stop until the maximum jail sentence is 15/20 years maximum!
Vikki Kathy	Broyles Carr	VA NV	Please help to see that sentences are stronger for people who are involved in dogfighting.
Christina	Reynolds	IL	I strongly believe that people should be punished for fighting dogs, and it is awesome to see someone standing up and having a voice for those who can't.
Rhonda	Burel	FL	Animals are getting abuse every day in this country. This is the USA and animal abuse and dog fighting will not be tolerated.

Jennifer	Goode	TX	<p>Dog Fighting is cruel and teaches those involved and spectating to under value life in general. In addition, it is strongly linked to so many other crimes such as theft and drugs. The training of these dogs often involves cruel usage of somebody's pet that was stolen, torturous breeding practices and a painfull filing down of teeth to make bait dogs defenseless...just to name a few.</p> <p>Anyone who gets enjoyment and hopes to make money off of animals who have been trained to rip each other apart for their viewers' sick enjoyment should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Dogs under almost every circumstance just want to please and be loved by their owner. Beyond self survival, their actions reflect this even if it means meeting their own brutal death. Shame on anyone who finds this satanic savagery acceptable.</p>
mary ann	mcquillan	NE	Let's send a message to people who do the animal fighting, it's time to say enough is enough!
Sharon	Herkamp	IN	
Sue	Lopez	AZ	This cruel display of violence needs to stop. Until we get tough on it, will it continue. It extends into all walks of life. We can break the cycle before it damages the next generation. Get tougher on dog fighting now to save our country!
Denise	Ripley	MI	
JILL	INGEBRIGTSEN	MI	
Christine	Oneill	WI	<p>Please put forth some very harsh punishments for people who abuse these poor animals, we need to make a difference, and I depend on you to make this right, For the Voices Unheard, thank you!</p> <p>It's about time USA sorted there animal rights out, far far too many street dogs, abused animals and dog fighting going on daily, just disgusting</p>
Mary	Barnett		The sentencing should fit the crime. Dog fighting takes inocent animals and make them into aggressive fighting creatures. This is not the true nature of a pit bull.
Nancy	Edenfield	VA	<p>Animal cruelty has been linked to killing of humans and other violent acts. Even though animal fighting is more about the MONEY, it shows a total lack of concern and empathy on the part of the dog owners. These people need an attitude adjustment. Stricter penalties for dog fighting would help them to accomplish this.</p> <p>Please take action and sentence the participants and spectators!</p>
jane	trauger		
Pamela	Hickey	TN	
Kaylie	Stacy	OH	Can't wait to be involved
shawn	Oneil	TX	Why are the laws so weak? Get serious about dog fighting...
Alina	Carlino	LA	

Ramona	Schmidt	MN	
Christina	Ramirez	CA	I am familiar with the federal law enforcement system from a law enforcement officer perspective and feel that this law is definitely underrepresented and needs stronger penalties in order to be effective. I am also a Criminologist and want to point out the numerous research references regarding cruelty to animals as being a "step crime" to violence that affects the safety of our communities. Please make this the time that dog fighting puts people behind bars and off the streets.
christina	benitez	OR	Get tougher on crimes against animals! Remember, once a criminal starts hurting animals, it is only a matter of time before that criminal starts hurting people.
Julie	Larson	IL	Please do whatever you can to help end the barbaric sport of dogfighting. It is akin to gladiators and has to stop if we call ourselves Christians or even humans. We should be better than this.
Kimberly	Harding	WA	Get Tough!
Jan	Anderson	MN	Get tough on dog fighting!!
			I appreciate any help on raising sentence of a person who fights dogs. I feel anyone who takes an innocent dog, files his teeth down and hinders him from protecting himself from a dog trained to fight and even training a dog to deliberately making a dog mean to fight deserves a harsh sentence. Make your guidelines for a sentence of longer than 6 months. Make it 5 yrs to deter this barbaric act. not only do they fight them they kill them if they don't win by drowning or hanging.
kaye	mohammadi	GA	
Mabel	Palacios	CA	Animals deserve respect too. So Iam getting tough
Adrienne	Riddle	AZ	Dog fighting is a heinous crime and should not be tolerated. Offenders should be given a harsh penalty to send the message that animal abuse is not acceptable.
Stephanie	Murnane		
samdra	cooper		I think the penalty should be harsh as possible as in years jail to try stamping out the horrific sad act of cruelty.No animal can defend themselves so someone has to protect them.
mary	sechrist	PA	

Audrey	Perez	NV	<p>I recommend a high sentencing for this act of violence for entertainment & gambling for profit or anything for that matter. These animals don't deserve this. I have a service dog that happens to be a "pit bull" Straffordshire Terrier that is. They are kinder, smarter & more caring than humans I know. Please punish these people for fighting & abusing their dogs. There is a more humane treatment for dogs than this!! They should all be thrown into a pit & made to fight each other. That's what they make the dogs do so now it needs to happen to these STUPID people. They should get a penalty just like they would if they were doing this to children or anybody. Throw them in jail & throw away the key. Make them fight every day for the rest of their nasty lives.</p>
Patricia	Weger	TX	
Viesha	Lewand	ND	
Pamela	Adams	MI	
pat	Doele		<p>Stop what does not make any sense. These are innocent dogs. The punishment must match the crime.</p>
Julie	Augustino	VT	
kailey	glaser	NJ	
Joanna	KERRY	FL	This has to stop!!!!
Lorie	West	WV	Tougher punishment on this horrific crime!!
Cynthia	Young	TN	Get tougher on dogfighting
constance	sambroak	PA	
Anne	Ramee	FL	
			<p>My Michael Angelo is a beautiful rottie pit mix. He is the best dog I have ever had. He loves people and other animals. He is very well socialized. The problem is NOT with the breeds. The problem is the human who forces a dog to fight. Dogs DO NOT want to fight. They want to be loved. The penalty for dog fighting I believe should be an automatic 10 years with NO PAROLE. What kind of person does this to a dog?? What message is our government sending? We have to protect our dogs!!!!</p>
Chris	Daniels	NY	<p>The fact that this crime usually carries such lenient penalties is one of the main reasons it still exist in the United States.. Please be a voice for the poor animals that don't have a voice or a choice in this matter.</p>
Edward	Ore	VA	
Tracey	Back	OH	
			<p>This is a bad sentence. Not tough enough to match the horrific crime. You need to help change this, we the people are counting on the lawmakers to right this wrong.</p>
cynthia	rhodus	CA	
Susan	Fisher		

Bettina	Griehl	CA	Please make the punishment fit the crime! I do believe in an eye for an eye. People who enjoy hurting the defenseless (animals or children) should be properly disposed of, like the trash they are!
Angela	Gonzalez	NJ	Cruelty to animals is unacceptable and at the level of dog fighting ...which puts dogs into a life of neglect, starvation, bodily and psychological injury, deformation and death needs to have an equal penalty...these people who have no regard that animals have their own life to live, in freedom with the care of humans, need a strong deterrent to making money from this ultimate animal cruelty and sacrifice. One suggestion is a term of 5 to 10 years to serve in jail. Imagine a child of yours kidnapped, caged, starved, scared, beaten, threatened, leading a life of kill, or be killed...please act now and bring humanity into the picture and end the torturous crime of dog fighting.
Di	O'Brien		Thank you for your consideration! Dog fighting is a particularly horrendous form of animal abuse. ALL of the animals involved are treated terribly...the poor dogs that are bred relentlessly, the dogs used as bait dogs (who can't even defend themselves!), and the fighting dogs. People who profit from this savagery & people who enjoy watching this torture as "entertainment" are among the lowest forms of life. PLEASE create stronger penalties for these actions! Animal abusers are often people abusers...these "people" are a danger to the dogs, other humans, & to our society! This crime encourages other crimes. Please make the penalties for this wanton violence suitable to the offense!
Brenda	Steinmetz	NC	This act they are committing with these dogs are apporeable!!You are in a position to make the laws stiffer.DO so this will end the suffering of these poor animals.They do not have a chance unless you give them one!!DISPICABLE people who do this need to be put away for a long time,it is plain murder what they are doing!!ANIMALS ARE HUMAN TOO!!BE THERE VOICE AND GIVE THESE CRIMINALS LIFE SENTENCES.THATS WHAT THEY GIVE THE DOGS!!!
leslie	delaney	NY	Jail or fines aren't enough to to stop these evil people! More awareness and maybe inside moles to bring them to the surface and face an animal loving, dog fight hating meeting room!
Nicki	Hickford		
Ann	Nelson	TX	
Margaret	Calhoun	TX	

Jennifer	Bova	AL	<p>I feel like people who commit terrible crimes get the least amount of time in jail and it needs to change</p> <p>Dog fighting. Usually using beautiful staffie said and pitbulls goes on all over the world by evil men for profit.if we don't stand together to put an end to this barbaric practice dogs will continue to suffer horrendous fates. They use bait dogs to be torn apart to get the dogs adrenalin going to fight. Their dogs are caged and have never known live and affection and they are wanted to fight to the death. Please Judge show some mercy and put these savages away and I'm not talking about the dogs. Michelle. Terrier Rescue. Zimbabwe</p>
Michelle	Fuller		
Yadhira	Lozano	TX	We need tougher sentences for dog fighting.
Caressa	Esenwein	TX	
Nicole	Colwill	IA	<p>Please enforce harsher penalties for dog fighting.The crime doesn't fit the punishment. These poor dogs need YOU to be their voice!</p> <p>Every living being's life is precious, and they should be treated equally. When someone decides to cause harm for sport or for any sort of entertainment to an innocent animal, which results to a long painful cycle that leads to death should be sentenced to the same fate.</p> <p>Get tough on dog fighting by making stronger sentences for animal fighting a priority! It is appalling what these animals go through and it needs to stop!</p>
Dulcia	Charlemagne		
Donna	Ponder		
Katie	Jaworski	WI	

Carrie	Smigla-Didier	IL	<p>My family adopted an American staffordshire terrier, often grouped together in the Pitt bull characterization. She is a sweetheart. She was used as a breeding dog for dogfighting. People see her and are afraid because of the sick people that run dog fighting have led people to believe that dogs that look like her are all dangerous. Now they are not allowed in some towns, apartments, or on some home owners insurances. These types of dogs are number 1 most likely to be euthanized in shelters. Not only are they sometimes used for fighting, neglected, abused, stigmatized, but dogs not directly involved in fighting are also negatively affected by association. All of this needs to stop! Michael Vick got a woefully inadequate sentence of 18 months. That's it! How many dogs suffered being brutally beaten, abused, neglected, fought, and killed? Pitt bulls (and other dogs often labeled pitt) rate as having wonderful temperament, so they had to beat and maim and starve these dogs to get them to be mean. His punishment was NOT justice,it was laughable to other dog fighters. You have a duty to do better.</p> <p>please make sure that these dogs do not suffer at the hands of the greedy ones.</p> <p>I wanted to stop this horrible thing. I want to end this dog fighting and other animal fighting in our nation. Stop animal abuse!!!</p> <p>Dog fighting is a disgusting, that poor dog doesnt want to go through the cruel training and suffering it has to go through then to have to fight another dog is barbaric and cruel Please stop this now,,</p> <p>The punishment must fit the crime and BSL must be repealed!</p> <p>A lot of people think its just a dog but that dog has feelings just like anything else. If you do the crime you should do some time. Stop this nasty inexcusable pass time. Dogs do not deserve to suffer for others pastime.</p> <p>Compassion? how would humans like to be torn apart?</p>
Roseanne	Silva	IL	
Anna	Elento	CA	
Jill	Ferson	NY	
carol	west		
Emilie	Sehlin	PA	
Dawnrose	Daloia	NJ	
Judy	Komorowski	KY	
JULIE	GILLELAND	AR	
Paulette	Tipper	VT	
Mary	Gross	OH	
Deborah	Segner		

Federal judges need to get acquainted with the horrific crime of dog fighting...the pain and suffering these animals must endure at the hands of these criminals. What kind of a person gets pleasure from another humans pain/suffering or the pain and suffering of an animal? Human beings are the most destructive, evil species on the planet. It is the human that is responsible for the undeserved reputation of specific dog breeds (ie Pitbull) because of the blood sport of dog fighting! It is a criminal offense that needs tougher, stronger laws involving tougher sentencing that criminals can count on being enforced in our legal/judicial systems. We need to be able to count on law enforcement officers and our judges to nail these people.

Betsy	Cheever	
Cheryl	Fleegle	CA
Thomas	Avery	KY
Annette	Gelinskey	WI
Katherine	Dordick	NY

Jeff	Bolowski	FL
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Our animals deserve better. Criminals deserve worse. Get Tough On DogFighting. Any person that purposely terrorizes, kills or seriously injures an innocent animal for fun and entertainment is a sick, warped individual. Prison time of AT LEAST 5 years is absolutely necessary. Further branding & reporting similar to that of a child abuser/pediphile should be attached to them for life as well.

Joanna	Reinhold	CA
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This is cruel and not native to the USA that considers dogs "Man's Best Friends". This is from another culture and it is sickening that people profit from suffering of sensitive feeling creatures. People's pets are stolen to be bait to train these dogs, they are heartbroken. Every single decent citizen abhors this and implores the commissioners to act ASAP and bring an end to dog fighting once and for all.,. UNFORGIVABLE CRIME.

Constance/Peter	Mogull	NY
Ellen	Prior	WA

Get this stopped!Tough sentencing!!

Wendy	Bloniasz	MA	I am an animal lover at heart and I have work at an animal shelter currently. I see all the pain and suffering that dogs and cats endure by being used as bait or fighting dogs. The people that hurt, maim, kill, destroy an animal should be given a max of 20 years in prison. Nothing will ever bring back all the animals that have died, but JUSTICE has to be fought for those poor innocent animals. I will be their voice!! And I truly HOPE that you will take a much closer look at what these demons do to animals. Puppy Doe, should have lived!!! Animals are wonderful creatures and they certainly DO NOT deserve to be treated like a game piece or a punching bag. MAKE THE PEOPLE PAY FOR THEIR ACTIONS!!!
eileen	tarquinio	VA	
Nancy	Rodriguez	NJ	
Kim	Kariofillis	PA	Please! Pass a strict law against animal abuse. Signed I think it should be the maximum sentence for animal cruelty because it's the ones that start with animals and then it leads to other human beings! For example: the ones who go into public places and start shooting at random people, I am sure they did something to harm an animal first. Thank you for listening and realize animals are living beings too with feelings like all of us.
Lalena	Butler	CA	
Chelsea	Marton	MO	
Helen	cline	NC	Get tough!! No less then 25 yrs. get them off the streets, dogs need to have some one to protect them inhumanity to make them fight !!!! End Dog Fighting!! Get Tough
Alyssa	Hughart	WI	
Sharon	Rentz	SD	
Hilda	Chalgujian	CA	It is unacceptable to allow such a horrible thing to happen to our animals, especially dogs, in this day and age, in this country. It must stop NOW! Please consider this amendment! Animals have feelings too. They love unconditionally and hurt when abused just like people do. The ones that do this to these beautiful animals do need to get the maximum sentence. What's right is right.....and what's wrong, is definitely wrong!
Rebecca	Bruce	GA	
Gail	Norell	CA	
Janet	Crabb	GA	Let's get tough and finally stop this horrific abuse!

Donna	Fletcher	MD	<p>Punishment needs to be changed for dog fighting. Not only is cruelty to animals involved , but also drugs, illegal guns, and other criminal behavior. Without stiffer penalties, why would they stop? There's too much money involved to stop them, unless they receive punishments that are long prison sentences that keep them from committing this barbaric crime again! Dogs know compassion and love as much as we do. Even more. Please educate those who don't know about it. These criminals should get harsher punishments. They are killing and torturing animals for their pleasure and for money. Go get a real job! Animals don't have a voice or a choice. They should also be fined for vet care and rehabilitation fees. We all want equality as human beings, we should do the same for animals!</p>
kazuyo	daikoku		
Jenn	Parks		
Donna	Fletcher	MD	<p>Punishment needs to be changed for dog fighting. Not only is cruelty to animals involved , but also drugs, illegal guns, and other criminal behavior. Without stiffer penalties, why would they stop? There's too much money involved to stop them, unless they receive punishments that are long prison sentences that keep them from committing this barbaric crime again!</p>
Abby	Harrison	MD	
Lorena	Lopez	IL	
Rebecca	Thomas	PA	<p>I do believe that the punishment should fit the crime. This is a crime, it should be severely punished so they don't want to do it again. Get tough please.</p>
Margaret	Bailey	CA	<p>I think this gross oversight is a poor reflection on us as a people. The way we treat people AND animals weaker than ourselves is a reflection on us not just as a culture and society; but as a whole species.I would like history to see us as a society that made a conscious decision to be a better part of the whole.</p>
Debra	Poole	NC	<p>Please update the guidelines! Many in rescue see the horrible effects of this awful crime. It also costs lots of money to help these innocent animals and with light sentences these people will just get out and do it again!!! Please help end this!!!</p>
Lesley	Goldberg	MA	
Nancy	Wachlin	NY	
Anne	MacTaggart		<p>So much of the world looks to America to set good example . Dog fighting is barbaric cruel benefits no one and is usually run by thugs ,criminals . How can a world leader possible support dog fighting. You must set jail sentences to match the crime</p>
Vane	Jaras	TX	

Linda	Comparillo	NJ	<p>We are in the 21st century. It is appalling that this cruelty is allowed to flourish. You must enact stiffer sentencing guidelines so that these crimes are sentenced appropriately. Without that, these atrocities will continue. I know there MUST be many dog lovers among you. Show it.</p> <p>with people that use dogs for dog fighting .they should not get 6 months that is wrong .they are Destroying dogs that are Healthy they are using dogs as bait and they just don't care about the dogs they are in it for Money they don't care if the dog wins or loss .to them it is a game and to me it is not the law needs to be Tough on this crimes that they commit don't let them get a way with it .6 months is just a Laugh to them because they will do 6 months come out and do it a gain .what is wrong with the law don't they have fillings for dogs do they see them as making money because if they do they are just as bad .you need to be Get tough</p>
Linda	Baverstock		<p>It's horrible to see disturbing pictures of the abuse of animals. They feel and they love. They have cancer, heart failure, broken bones, etc. as a human does. They fight in our wars, save people and protect their owners. It's truly painful to know that the life of an animal can mean so little to people who are hateful, and need mental help on every levels. Help the four legged animals "our love ones, who we call family".</p>
Theresa	Rich	TX	<p>People that abuse animals will move on to hurting people. All the evidence supports this. Please do what's right, protect those without a voice, and maybe you'll be protecting those with a voice.</p>
Wednesday	Clemons	TX	
Ildik_	Kopp_ny	CA	
Leslee	Tavener		
cathi	phillips	MO	<p>This is one of the most cruel tortures that can be done to an animal. To turn something full of love and kindness into a killer...not to mention by baiting that animal with defenseless animals, is horrifying. Anyone who gets pleasure out of this is mentally compromised and needs intervention. help these animals and future victims of these evil "people".</p> <p>Shame on anyone who has the opportunity to abolish this atrocitiy yet does nothing. Michael Vick is a disgrace and so are we for allowing him back in the NFL. What are we saying to our children?? Use your vote to do the right thing. Make these afflictions on society pay the fair price!!</p>
Joey	Traynor	FL	
Joan	Cozza	DE	GET TOUGH NOW

Diana	Morehead	CO	<p>It is important that people be charged to the fullest extent when they take away a dogs quality of life. These dogs deserve better & if this amendment deters one person it will be worth it. Please help the ones that can't help themselves & people are using for their own benefit. Thank you.</p> <p>I have 3 PitBulls that are all sweet and loving dogs, but because of people who fight dogs there are people who afraid of all feeling that they are mean. The people who fight dogs are horrible in my opinion and should punished more severely than what they are at this time.</p>
Elizabeth	Moye	FL	
Helen	Thompson	PA	Laws are not tough enough
Kimberly	Foreman	IL	
Kenya	Paley	NM	<p>Dog fighting is sadistic and cruel. People often blame the dog for being mean, when they have been taught by violent people. Please pass the severest of jail time for the ones who train dogs to fight and who are essentially killing dogs for their own profit. Thank you for your immediate attention.</p> <p>Please increase sentencing for this barbaric, cruel crime. This perpetuates horrible behavior that should not be tolerated.</p> <p>Respectfully, Lisa Randall</p>
Lisa	Randall	NY	
Elizabeth	Peterson	NY	
gary	simpson		... it funds more crime too.... and results in more dead cops!
Amelia	Dixon	MA	<p>Time to make the punishment fit the crime. Place value on animals lives. They are not just possessions.</p>
Vena	Burke	MI	<p>Please pass a law that makes dog fighting against the law. anybody who fights dogs should be sentenced to the fullest extent of the law. These poor babies were not born to fight and kill each other, but the ignorant people who train them to be should be punished and a STOP put to the dog fighting... These poor dogs didn't ask for this type of life. They are bought and sold into that world It's a form of slavery. I also think people who sale these dogs for the purpose of dog fighting should be held responsible also.</p>
pamela	meyers	WV	<p>This is so horrific to see any dog have to fight for his life and suffer so greatly. Can you just imagine being bitten to death?? Imagine the pain these dogs endure! They deserve love, warmth, attention, food, a caring owner who will love them. These are low-life monsters who run these fights. Give them 25 years to life. The dogs deserve better!!!!!!!!!!</p>
Joan	Andersen	MA	<p>Really you should get extreme !! Hard time and lengthy sentences coupled with high fines erectus only remedy...short of death sentences</p>
Wayne	LaBeaud	LA	
Connie	Wilkinson	VT	Lets put an end to Dog Fighting and animal abuse

Lacie Lynch SC
Elizabeth Peterson NY

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We have to stop this, it is so cruel. I don't understand how anyone could watch such a thing and claim a sport. Please punish these people to the fullest, maybe they will think twice.

Pam Fountain IA
aron shevis NY
aron shevis NY

Animals feel love, they bleed and feel as we do! They protect us and are there when we are sick. They pick up on our emotions. They have no voice and we are gonna be there to help them. If I could be an animal vigilante dog abuse would be no more!!!! We need more vigilantes that have the power and authority to go in and stop the fights take the dogs and give him a better homes with love. Then give the abusers a taste of what they did to the poor innocent animals!!!!

Cathy J MD
Sandra Houle NH
Emilee Hale
Gary Kalow MN
Vienna Colucci IL
Paula Rush TX
tammy bentz IN

The laws need to be harder on the people who use an innocent dog to make money at the expense of a dog's life Dogs lives matter. Please put these people away for 5 to 10 years. Drive this law the dogs have no choice but YOU do. I put comments in here. Well here goes again. Please be the voice of the dogs that are forced to fight. All for money. These dogs are born with tails. and wanting only to be loved. They get the opposite. Still will forgive of you let them. The laws need to be harder 5 to 10 years isn't enough but it is a start. Please change the law.

Jacqueline Teeple OH
Sue White AL

Dogfighting it's the most HORRIFIC, CRUEL, PAINFUL way to ABUSE and KILL INNOCENT ANIMALS !!! HELP !!
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Margarita Jaques TX
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This horrible thing isn't going to stop until we enact stiffer penalties. Those poor dogs suffer terribly. Especially the ones they call bait dogs. It is heartbreaking the way these innocent animals are abused.

Gertie Linda Ransom CA

Pamela	Stiles	FL	<p>?The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.? Dog fighting can not be tolerated. It must be stopped! All involved should be prosecuted and the sentences should be long enough to DETER this atrocity.</p> <p>This crime sickens me. The lowlifes who do this to the animals will not be deterred by the low sentences that they can, and most of the time, do receive. Please amend the guidelines for animal fighting, to reflect the atrocities that are being done to animals, and also to help deter others from committing this heinous crime. Thank you.</p>
Anita	Schenker	OH	
Toni	spera	NY	<p>It so appalling that people arrested for dogfighting aren't getting tougher sentences. It's a slap on the wrist for them and they'll just get out and do it all over again, and learn to not to get caught.</p>
Lori	Esposito	VA	
Tissie	Reeves	SC	<p>Please make stiffer penalties for dog fighting</p> <p>Dog fighting is the most horrible and violent act perpetrated by sadistic and sick humans. This crime needs to fit extreme punishment. Please support this campaign.</p>
david	lehmborg	UT	
Lucinda	Greene	PA	
Aimee	Alotta	CA	<p>Please do the humane thing and help to end dog fighting by making it a felony punishable by long-term incarceration.</p>
Nikolett	Bellars	MD	<p>Please stop the good old boys network from turning the other way when they hear about dog fighting rings. Please stop these rings and punish the abusers severely It is a cinch they have punished many dogs to death.</p>
Carol	Reider	OH	
Devorah	Young		
Linda	Farmer		
Julia	Hoff	VA	<p>Please get tough on dog fighting. Someone needs to be a voice for the voiceless and helpless.</p>
Cynthia	Lees	PA	<p>Please! This horrible ordeal needs to stop from bait dogs to vicious dog fighting!! Please have stricter penalties!</p> <p>In Memphis there is a thing called trunking where they put two dogs in a trunk of a car and turn their radio up to make them fight till one of them is dead. Our sorry mayor will not do anything about it. I wish the laws would be more years or even death in my book.</p>
James	Messer	TN	
Barbara	Tabet	VA	
Elizabeth	Benton		<p>The consequences for every human associated with dog fighting MUST be more severe in order to deter and stop this heinous activity. Dog fighting leads to crimes against people also so we MUST get TOUGH!</p>

Colleen	Koviak	CA	
nicole	hudak	CT	dog fighting is disgusting and cruel needs to be stopped!
Karen	Nelson	MA	This is a horrible "sport" these need to be shut down and the people who do this jailed!
			I think they should get max jail time or treat them the same way they treated the dogs to show how it feels. I have a pitt bull and he is my life. He is my baby.
Sandra	Murray	FL	
			Dog fighting is cruel and heinous and should NOT be tolerated. Society MUST IMPOSE STRICT PUNISHMENT for those involved in this deplorable activity, carried on by psychotic individuals!!!!
ELAINE	MAITZ	MD	
L	Panter		
Lynda	Brown	FL	This is the most barbaric, inhumane sport, please make sentencing at least 5-10 years 1st offense mandatory!
			Please don't let these dogs down. They are God's creatures. They feel and love. This is cruelty in its highest form. Please GET TOUGH. These criminals should be put away for 25 years to life for this!
Elissa	Foster	OK	
Lindy	Smith	IA	
Monica	Holte	OR	
			Special thanks to the us sentencing commission for getting tough on dog fighting by making stronger animal fighting sentences a priority.
melanie	trammell	TN	
Marianne	Kulenkampff	CA	
			As human beings we have a moral obligation to keep safe all those that can't speak for themselves. It's TIME to increase the punishment for these cruelties. Please, please, please don't just consider, but ensure, that the maximum penalty for dog fighting is enacted.
Lyn	Mullen	WA	Those who choose to dog fight are ruining the reputation of the breed. The penalties should be the same as if it were hurting and/or killing a person.
Cheryl	Duncan		
Melissa	Williams	KY	Please consider this amendment!
			The current penalty for dog fighting is insufficient to deter further dog fighting when they are freed from jail. We must execute the harshest sentence so that these dog fighters get the punishment they deserve!
Connie	Kirkham	CA	No dog should be a victim, bait, or "member" the owner of the dog should be on death row just like they watch the other dogs!
Morgan	Bostelman	TN	
Gregory	Barajas	CA	
Susan	Hutchinson	TX	

Jennifer	Dusza	NY	<p>Agreed and laws need to change its cruel and if we start doing longer prison time maybe it will not be so bad. My opinion 5 years is to short for dog fighting they should also be charged with murder animals should have rights!!!!!! I will do whatever it takes to help.</p> <p>Dog fighting is a disgusting abomination which has been allowed to go on far, far to long because of lax laws and poor enforcement in some areas. The people who control this 'sport' are usually engaged in illegal gambling, drugs and other crimes. In my opinion, shared by many, the sentences are ridiculously short and should be increased to 5 years to 25 years for repeat offenders. Please consider stiffer penalties and high fines for this repulsive crime.</p>
Patricia	DeSantis	OH	They're not just animals, they deserve to live a normal life being someone's pet, protector or aid.
Minerva	Flores	CA	We have a duty to care for all that inhabit the earth, we are guardians for all animals and must protect them for they are at our mercy and have no voice. Please stand up and put an end to this horrific crime.
Alicia	Viteka	FL	please something has to get done about this cruelty. Think of it as a crime against children after all we do think of our pets this email way,they are part of our family
Louise	Quan	IL	Abuse on animals in s Barbaric. No conscience and abuse on people. Violent anger issues and sadistic hatred
Christine	Susi	OH	Those who engage in this type of activity are sick, vile creatures - people. To cause injury, death, pain and suffering of any other living being for sport is the worst crime possible. It should dealt with as such. We need to rid the earth of all this of activity and stop these MONSTERS everywhere!
Karen	Harris	OH	
Marykay	Plotnik	MI	Dog fighting is animal abuse in the cruelest form.
			This is a horrific crime on innocent and helpless animals. These criminals do not stop at the horrors perpetrated on dogs they breed to be used as bait(think about that word) , they also steal family pets, get them from on line "free to good home" ads, etc. it is also a fact that a large percentage are also involved in drug trafficking . Bottom line, it is a horrific crime and should be taken very seriously with very serious consequences. Long prison terms and all property seized and the proceeds used to help the four legged victims of this evil.
Phyllis	Brown	ME	
Amy	Eckart	NY	
Maria	Cox	KS	
Ramona	Fife	OK	I urge you to get absolutely tough on dog fighting by making stronger sentences for animal fighting a priority.

			dog fighting is a heinous, heartless activity. the guilty ones are not just the ones that actually have the dog fights, but also the ones who watch and bet on which poor dog will be killed, the ones who go around getting dogs from shelters or from peoples yards to sell to the dog fighters to be used for bait dogs and the people who let them get off with very minor sentences. if you don't stop the crime then you are just as responsible for the senseless brutality and torture than is cast on these poor dogs. please have the courage and conviction to stand up for what is right by imposing harsher sentences on the guilty ones.
susan Chandra	haugh Farnsworth	IL WA	
			Please, please get tough on dog fighting. These poor animals suffer tremendously when forced to fight and the bate dogs suffer even more. Please consider and amendment to the animal fighting guidelines. We are caretakers for all the animals of the earth and we all should support this very important amendment.
Katharine	Duffey	NC	Dog fighting must end and cannot be tolerated. Harsh penalties must be put in place to punish the mentally sub-standard individuals who participate in this evil activity. Without consequences this will never end. Dogs must be protected from horrific suffering and abuse. NO EXCUSE!!!
Sherry	Compton	AZ	I also think police k9 handlers who abuse their dogs should have to pay the department back for cost of dog and all training and be fired and not allowed to own any dogs
Mary Brittany	Ogle Lynch	MD	
			IT IS PAST TIME TO GET TOUGH ON DOG FIGHTERS....THEY SHOULD RECEIVE THE A MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS!!!! Six months! That is not something that will deter them...and they should NEVER be allowed to own another creature!!!
Rita	Spangler	MO	The horrible subhumans that participate and dog fighting should be locked up for a very long time and I don't mean 6 months I mean 25 years at least. Michael Vick is now known for dog fighting not football. he deserves to rot in hell!
Carleen	King	CA	THERE MUST BE A STIFFER SENTENCE ON DOG FIGHTERS & ABUSERS!! NO ONE IS GOING TO LEARN UNTIL SOMETHING SERIOUS HAPPENS THESE DOGS ARE LIVING BREATHING
Carla	Barnes	FL	ANIMALS THAT NEED US TO SAVE THEM!! ACT NOW Enforce strong laws on anyone dog fighting! Such a horrible act of making money off dogs or any other kind of animals by
Joyce	Smith	TN	fighting to death!

If you believe in God and the Bible then stop the abuse! God used an Angel in the verse below to speak - Numbers 22:32 And the angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me.
 per_verse?r?v?rs-adjective: (of a person or their actions) showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable, often in spite of the consequences.

Donna Hablitzel-VonHall SC
 CARRIE KLUITER NC
 Marie Dargent

Please consider this amendment as a federal crime, and make the guide lines much stricter. I think if people were facing up to 25 years in prison, it might deter them some. Thank You

Patricia Emory OH
 Margaret Seward

Respect and compassion for innocent lives is what im asking for :(
 enough is enough show these so called humans its not going to be taken lightly anymore and lets get it to a stop
 No animal should be subjected to this type of cruelty. The offenders need a punishment that is tough enough and is enforced to curtail this type of activity. Make it a felony punishable by jail time!

Irene Montgomery CA
 MARIE ARIAS VA

Karen M. Rang PA
 yvon roy

No sentient being should be used as bait, or have to fight another of its kind for the warped pleasure of man.

Elizabeth Nester NV
 margeaux LeVan1 PA
 margeaux LeVan1 PA
 Camryn Porter NY

I agree.
 Get tough on dog fighting! There is no excuse for this in America.

Luanna Lawrence WI
 Emilie Sehlin PA

Please we need stronger laws against dog fighting or animal cruelty period. How dare these people put these animals through such pain and horrible death and we slap their wrist for it....Please, please help these defenseless animals
 Please consider an amendment to the animal dog fighting.
 Please update cycle to maximum to 5 years for offenses.

Perry Barbara TX
 Beverly Wingard TX
 Sarah Barton OH
 anshia williams KY
 Geraldine Berggren LA
 Caroline Mcconnell

Andy	Benik	CA	People who abuse or miss treat animals in any way shape or form weather it is a dog fighting neglect and or abuse should be treated as major crime and sentence to the max. No different than if it was a person
Della	Ratajczak	PA	
Geraldine	Perry	MA	Please put a stop to dog fighting! Animal cruelty and dog fighting are punishable crimes in this country and rightly so. In a society where its citizens can abuse and injure creatures who are part of the daily lives of its citizens but have no voice to protect themselves, this act speaks volumes about the monstrous society that we have really created and continue to perpetuate. These acts of violence should have consequences of enough standing to prevent the actions.
Allison	Przytulski	NC	turn because my poor babies was took while I wasn't at home and then they was done so wrongly by the two whom committed the crimes against them they loaded them all up into kennels and then took off their collars so they wouldn't be traced back to me or my husband they done all this without mine or my husband knowledge late that November night on the 13,14 yes it went to court in my county and they both got off just because they said me or my husband wasn't at home when they took our dogs and puppies and loaded them up into her grandpas van then took a threw them out the moving van window without stopping two by two and then my outside dog they pushed out the side door of the van without even stopping and all my dogs was killed and the courts and animal control let them off and they had more nine accounts on them and no justice wasn't severed for my dogs in Cleveland county nc and I want justice for my dogs because I was a breeder of my little dogs and most of them sold before the people could come pick them up this happened and then her grandpa Steve Swink killed animals and buried them on his own land he done this way over two years and it could because the dogs came on his land or he thought they was going to hurt his dogs so he shot them and done away with them on his own land even reported this to animal control and they done nothing just like Dale grant killing my Chihuahua diamond he killed her the night of the nov. 13,14 and I reported that and see it with my own eyes before I left from that home that night but nothing was done with him why isn't the laws in Cleveland county nc so easy to get off with this because they was my furry buddies that keep me company because I'm a dying Chiarian with a rare brain disease that helped me managed and keep me company a lot because me disabled due my disease well now they are died and can't be
Tina	Glover	NC	

Veronica	Grimm	NY	Please do everything in your power to deter the perpetrators of this horrific crime of dog fighting. Dogs ripping each other apart, i got physically sick after watching them scream and cry while being ripped to shreds from the stronger dog. Make the penalty harsh so to deter these subhumans from thinking about doing this again. Thank You
Linda	Mattice	IA	
Tracey	Wickes		Eye for an Eye! Disgusting making an innocent animal fight for his/her life! Make the human fight for their life! Humans are disgusting and shameful! Stop this and let these innocent souls know we humans are there for them and will defend and love them. This needs to stop ASAP!
Brenda	Hubsher	PA	Deliver sentences that are long enough to send the message that we will not tolerate blood sports.
Lisa	Kirkley	NC	
ashley	jenkins	SC	Dogs deserve love and care and a safe home, not having to fight, together we can end this
Jamey	Johnson	MS	
Kasey	Sprouse	AL	
Skye	Robbins	RI	Love animals, always have.
Brandon	Thompson	OR	
John	Rosas	CA	#GetTough
Karen	Buynak	VA	Wishing you luck on this very important issue
Kasey	Sprouse	AL	I just rescued 2 bait dogs.
Rita	Wenger	TX	let the stupid people fight, not innocent animals
Rita	Wenger	TX	
Alicia	Edwards-Jackson	IL	It's absolutely wrong to force violence on innocent animals I support this movement, my dog is a rescue pup and she has scars from (most likely) fighting or some other type of mistreatment. I want to help spread the word about this organization and fight the people who are cruel to these animals. Thank you!!!
Eden	Bort	FL	

Dog fighting is illegal but continues to go on regularly, most often using the pit bull dog. There is nothing more disgusting and sad than to hearing this or seeing it on the news "EVERYDAY". I'm not sure if officials are even trying to put an end to such illegal acts because I see it on the news every night but we have to "all" work together to stop these illegal dog fights. These poor dogs that are used for such pleasures are treated so poorly, giving them the bad reputation they have achieved. Save these precious creatures that are taught and encouraged to fight for money and pleasure when they really deserve to be loved, cuddled and bond in true companionship. We need more petitions to sign & give to government so every effort soe we can make everyone spread the awareness and generate more support against this horrendous act. These people who are doing this needs to go to jail for LIFE and be treated the same way. STOP THE ANIMAL ABUSE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pamela	Lowder	FL
Steven	Weber	GA
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joseph	mongillo	CT
Jan	Morong	TX
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joni	bosco	NY
Isabel	Hildebrandt	
Crystal	Bowens	MD
Kevin	Piper	PA
aron	shevis	NY
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cortney	brasuell	TX
Nancy	Gregory	

This needs to happen now
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MAUREEN	TABONA	
Leigh Anne	Lambert	LA
Amanda	Rae	NJ
Heather	Guin	TX

IT'S TIME THESE CRIMINALS PAID THE "REAL" PRICE FOR THEIR HORRIFIC ACTIONS !! LET'S PUT A STOP TO THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL !!! "GET TOUGH ! "
Please consider matching the punishment with the crime... We are the voice for animals!!'

Thank you for fighting for animal rights.

audra	morley	NY	We need to put an end animal cruelty and abuse through dog and animal fighting. I believe it needs to start with harsher laws and penalties surrounding dog and animal fighting. I also believe, criminals that run and/or participate in such disgusting acts of animal cruelty are also involved in other illegal activities. This needs to stop. This is unjust. Trying to give a voice to the voiceless, the abused and pure of heart.
michelle	baker	CA	they should be jailed
Charlotte	Beland		It's 2015, I think it's time we stop treating animals like objects. Their lives and well being matter just as much as ours. And you'll find that, though silent, many many many people think this way. It's time to wake up. Do something right.
James	Tillotson	TX	
Lauren	Andrews	CT	I have four dogs, NOT Pit bulls. the oldest was used as a bait dog, she is now 16years old. and the other three were rescued from a dog fighting club, they hadn't been in the 'ring' yet, they were 3months old; when I got them. Now they are 8years old. The oldest dog is a black lab, with German pincher in her. The others are Boston Terriers. They are the love of my life, I love all of them. My oldest HAD been attacked an had been in the 'ring' a few times, she has scars on her stomach, on her shoulders and she is missing teeth. But she is a happy old mutt now. :)
daniel	platt	MI	
christina	scott	PA	
chris	gordon	CA	
Michele	Hoffman	NC	We have Dog fights here underground and its awful! we need to put a stop to it NOW ! Thank you for working towards this INIS is an atrocious crime tnat many Americans teei is intolerable in our supposedly civil country. Further, it is a known fact (at least by therapists like myself who treat abused women and children) that there is a very strong correlation between animal abuse and abuse of women and children. We need to send a strong message that abuse of innocent pets and animals with no voice will not be tolerated, any more than abuse of our women and children. By punishing these crimes more severely, we send a clear message. Thank you for your consideration.
Dawn	Boyes	CA	We need to stop dog fighting and give them all to me. I will love them all.
Faythe	McCallum	GA	

Jennifer	Thompson	TX	These crimes should have the same sentences for that of any murder, assault, and torture. This is sick and these people know that what they are doing is wrong yet they do it anyway because they know they can get away with it because our systems is too lenient on them. Consider if it were your pet, or family member and please make these people pay for their selfish and cruel treatment of living beings.
Pat	Coryell	MD	
trish	floyd	CA	
courtney	brasuell	TX	
tracy	mosley	CO	yes please do..anyone that hurts an animal or forces one to fight is wrong..put them in jail.
Brandon	Rush	KY	
Lauren	Andrews	CT	
alexis	escobar	NY	What they do to these poor innocent animals is absolutely heartbreaking. They deserve to pay for the evil crimes they have committed. These animals deserve justice.
Heather	Wilson	AL	If you need money get a job don't force animals to fight!!
april	beck	GA	
Pamela	Galaang	TX	
Deborah	Buckler	PA	Animal cruelty in any form is bad enough, but- when done for profit- reaches new levels of depravity. Please help give these abusers the legal sentence they deserve for these evil acts against truly innocent animals...
Jasmine	Castillo	WI	We really need a stop to dog fighting, it has become such a serious issue.
marylou	hanson	MA	People who train innocent dogs to fight each other to the death should get far more than a slap on the wrist!!!! i've worked in north philadelphia and for years i witness gang types using other dogs a bait dogs and allowed their fight dog to attack the bait dog, its horrible and out of control. the laws need not only to be tougher but enforced
george	goodman	KY	
Krista	Sciple	MS	
Samantha	Powell	MO	
Bailey	Bellish	MI	Great work! We need to stop dog fighting for good! These are God's creatures and also need to be protected like any other living beings, more so because they do not have a "voice"; like children we need to protect them. We need stiffer penalties to deter more people from even considering this horrific pastime.
Constance	Reagan	CA	
Stefanie	Lopez	CA	
Stefanie	Lopez	CA	
Dillon	Eby	SC	

Dillon	Eby	SC
jenny	rayas	CA

It saddens me that the individuals that commit these crimes are not punished more severely. These same individuals are most likely apt to abuse partners also. They have no moral compass. Animals have no voice, no vote, and yet they are often members of our families. They should be protected and respected for the friends and family members they are, as they surely would protect us if someone attacks us.

linda	thompson	OR
Sharon	Swidler	IL

Using an innocent animal for any type of attempt to gain financially, or for your entertainment, is sadistic. By handing down harsh sentences, most reasonable people will begin to see their actions have consequences and they will stop. Doing nothing send a message that this behavior is acceptable.

Tracey	Ponder	AL
James	Cochran	GA
Samantha	Dominguez	FL
Heidi	Thorne	NC
Anamaria	Senior	CA
Gabrielle	Duszak	PA
Ashley	Patton	CA
Anthony	Rivera	NY
Caitlin	McGuire	MN
Shannon	Grella	NY
Rebecca	Flieder	NH

dog fighting makes me sick, and anyone who does it should be tried for murder. Animals have feelings, as well as other things that are similar to humans. Why should they get treated like they are nothing. i hope soon something is done about animal abuse in general. Really, people need to grow the hell up.

Jentina	Maltman	MD
Molly	Dodgson	MA
Chris	Pope	MT

Make dog fighting a very punishable crime. Animals need more protection. "You judge a nation by the way they treat the animals"... Ghandi... I agree 100%

rebecca	farrell	CT
Maureen	Williams	OR
Melissa	Sayaseng	CO

If someone treated children the way these dogs are treated, they would be severely sentenced for ill treatment. Dogs are social creatures, happy and loving. They should not be bred to fight and harbour anger. As living things they deserve a right to a happy, loving life, where they can thrive and be the caring, social organisms they were put on earth to be. Short imprisonments will definitely not stop or make a difference to these people. As soon as they are out they'll be back dig fighting again & ruining the lives of innocent animals. This is a severe crime and should be given adequate punishment to make a difference. Dog fighting, or any animal fighting is cruel and unjust. Offenders should be prosecuted the same as one would if human beings were treated in this manor.

Stephanie	Pinto	
Grace	Becker	MO
Kim	McDaniel	MO
Tara	DaSilva	FL
Doug	Heminger	AR

These people torture and murder innocent dogs for fun and profit and it is the cruelest form of animal abuse. Is it disgusting, abhorrent and cannot be tolerated. They should be sentenced as they would if they had done this to a child.

Laurie	Kardon	FL
Brend	Kube	IL
Deb	Symonds	IA
Paula	Stathakis	NC
Kristen	Beals	CA
Alieh	Karimi	CA
Brooke	Krause	
Diana	Rios	
Rebecca	Scott	
aron	shevis	NY
Craig	Jauvtis	NY
aron	shevis	NY
Carolina	Russo	FL
Audna	Baier	AZ
Diane	Carney	UT

As a pitbull owner this is a very serious issue for me. I have had people try to steal my dogs, judge my dogs and, even try to harm them simply because of their breed.

Kasey	Bailey	WV
Carrie	Straus	NY
Brooke	Di	PA
Lauren	Mash	OR

Vincent	Belloso	CA	<p>U.S. Sentencing Commission, get tough on dog fighting! Those individuals and even those groups who organize, participate, or support dog fighting in any way should be given the maximum prison sentence of 5 years!</p> <p>PLEASE raise the penalty for these perpetrated malicious, viscous, brutal acts of violence!!!!</p>
kimberly	ourlian	GA	
Summer	Munger		
cheri	pierce	MO	
Ted	Muench	OR	
Kate	Koller		
Marcella	Massaro	FL	<p>Sentencing for those involved in dog fighting should be the maximum allowed. It's abuse as in child abuse. Maximum & equal sentencing of child abuse, 100%!</p> <p>Without harsher sentences, there is nothing to deter people who are already exposed to animal fighting to not get involved with the horrific act themselves. For some people to serve only a few months in prison, after putting animals through such terrible treatment, is showing others that animal fighting and cruelty is not a critical concern in the U.S. If deterrence is not enough to make the Commission increase the sentencing for these criminals, I ask you then to imagine the lives of those poor animals. Suffering every day, raised to think that the world is a cruel place that they were put on to suffer in pain and fight to live another day. No living thing deserve to live their life thinking the world is such a terrible place, a place where they are meant to live and die in pain.</p> <p>Please come up with a forceful amendment for dog fighting.</p> <p>The sentence for dog fighting is not nearly strong enough or the punishment not long enough for jail time. If you would please read the research on dogs you would understand that dogs feel not just body pain but emotional pain. There is so much I don't think you know about dogs or many animals. I think this law is as important as a person being jailed for trying to kill or killing a person. Please think hard on this.</p>
Catherine	DeLuca	MA	
Jane	Edge	AL	
brissa	rodriguez	IL	
Julie	Cook		
Carol	Hamilton	GA	
Jodi	Phillips	PA	
Amy	Babson-Koenig	CA	
trudi	loyd	WA	
Cynthia	Richards	AR	
Danielle	Brizzolara	CA	

Debbie	Fontaine	CA
Mila	Fernandez	KS
Susan	Hammond	CO
Karen	Liwinski	MI
Josephine	Acosta	TX
Fran	McIntyre	TX
Amber	dicostanzo	NC
Nissa	Escobar	
Lisa	Pearson	IA

As humans we have an obligation to do right by each other, but also by other animals as well. Condoning any type of violence against animals is abysmal. Animals are no different than humans. They are sentient beings that feel the same things people feel. Abusing them, torturing them, killing them for the sake of money is deplorable. And that is exactly what these dog fighters do. Dog fighters are among the most depraved scum-suckers on the planet. They need to be punished to the fullest extent of the law. It's not a far leap from psychopath to serial killer. Increase the severity of punishment against convicted dog fighters.

Sheila	Ganesh	
Anya	Hernandez	MI
David	Hernandez	MI

Dog fighting is a deplorable act by depraved humans. Innocent dogs are subjected to unspeakable horrors during these events. Please, please vote to make these criminals get the strongest punishment possible.

Juania	Phillipsen	
Tina	Nguyen	
Jocelyn	Hernandez	CA
James	Studzinski	WI
Ashley	Maglich	SC
Julienne	Brizuela	CA
Katie	Hedrick	CA
Sydney	Clark	MI
Gloria	Mendez	MA
Deborah	Long	
Maria	Iavarone	
yobana	garcia	NY
Yu Jin	Yoon	HI
Lola	Clark	FL
Nelda	Turcios	NY

Please consider passing this amendment!

CASSANDRA	WADE	MO
Monica	Kelly	MT
Brittany	Adams	WV
Amy	Grenell	PA
Cristina	Wertz	
Debra	Unruh	MI
Sandra	Granade	GA
Meg	Rider	AK

that people that harm animals go on to humans, including children. Any "human" that can harm and force dogs to suffer are monsters. These dogs are treated like objects. Dogs are not meant for our entertainment. These dogs have emotions, feelings and thoughts. I pray that these laws will become WAY harsher than they are now. In my mind these crimes are just as bad, if not worse than assaults, batteries and worse in the human world. These animals are forced to live in poor conditions and forced to act against their nature. Dogs are naturally social and friendly to their species. These dogs are being violated, beaten, electrocuted, forced to wear chains, abused, given steroids and other enhancers, tortured and killed. This is no life for any living creatures and these acts should be prosecuted and seen for what they are... Brutal, aggressive, violent and illegal acts. This is one of the cruelest forms of abuse. These dogs are bred and raised in a horrific manner for nothing more than amusement of sick, violent and twisted individuals. The people are involved in underground trades, drug activity, prostitution and gambling in the most horrific ways. These are humans that are lacking every sense of humanity. They have no empathy. No compassion and no soul. These people will only go on to commit violent crimes and participate in illegal activity. There is no place in this world for a human that can watch another living thing suffer and live a life of deprivation and abuse. These are the worst of the worst and I would never trust any of these people to have children, pets or live a productive and safe life. The community they live in will forever be in danger. These people are not people. They are monsters. We need to put an end to this disgusting violence. Please save these voiceless animals and make these sentences in the decades and the fines should be insane. We End dog fighting now with very severe penalties minimum 10 yrs.

Lyndie	Kelley	PA
Suzanne	Driscoll	NY

Jennifer	Tomassi	CA	As a lifelong dog owner, I don't think it's possible to have a punishment too severe for the people who harm animals for amusement.
Adrian	Reynoso		
Barbara	Girasuolo	CT	
Lindsey	Lamb	DE	This is a very serious crime. Every living animal on this earth is important. Humans make me sick and are my least favorite because they think they deserve everything and anything. Max punishment for this sick disgusting crime should be at least 5 years.
corey	waite	FL	
ashley	elkins	IN	
Stephanie	Barnes	CT	
Katherine	albright	PA	I think dog fighting is one of the most disgusting crimes. All these animals want is to be loved and taken care of. I just had to put my 13 year old pit bull down from cancer. we rescued her from a fighting ring and she was the sweetest, kindest most loving dog that's why I think we should be less lenient when a crime involved animals they are sweet and innocent creatures that need us to speak for them.
Dylan	Lamb	WI	
Kennedee	Hartford	LA	
Kennedee	Hartford	LA	
Rebecka	Pitts	OK	
Abigale	Weil	CA	Dogs are living beings just like humans. They feel pain and terror just as we do. Please stop letting animal abusers "get off easy" for the acts of animal cruelty they have committed. As a tax payer, I would be more than happy to have my taxes keep animal abusers in prison.
Makenzie	Emling	TX	
Sanam	ali	FL	
Brianna	Murley	KY	
Gala	Colivet dennison		
Dana	Zupanovich	CA	
Sarah	Eisenberg	CA	
Christine	Ellison	MO	
Lisa	D	NY	
krissy	cates	AL	
Bevy	St. P_	TN	This just makes me cry to know that people are so cruel. I wanted to know if i could receive a sticker to show my support for yall
Shanelle	Zaino	RI	

			These people need to have the highest punishment unless you want to keep paying for the raids, investigations, vet bills, fosters, food, shelter, court fees and so on...hard for us to understand why these cruel people get a slap on the wrist, just to do it all over again. Meanwhile, showing children this is a way of life. Please hold them accountable for their disgusting and sad crimes to all these poor animals. They are the ones suffering and dieing
Bobbi	Beck	NV	
Nicolette	Vincent	FL	
lisa	antonsen	WI	
Sabrina	Young		
Michele	McMahon	VA	
K	McWhorter	KS	Animal fighting is horrible. I can't believe people are so cruel as to make dogs viciously attack one another.
mandy	beck	FL	Stop animal cruelty now!!! Dog fighting is inhumane. The penalties should be severe. Anyone who engages in this type of activity should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Maximum penalties should be mandated.
Nandia	Black	IL	I think it is stupid that they only get 6 months. I say they should get life or at least 6 years in prison. I say that the U.S. Sentencing Commission needs to #GET TOUGH ON DOG FIGHTING
Brandon	Otto	OH	
Kimberly	Billera		
Jacqueline	Laverdure	WA	This is a problem that is out of control. These people are looking at money, not the animals. SO many end up dead, and it's time to do something about it!
Jennifer	Boehme	MO	
Chloe	Laidlaw	KY	
gino	ortiz	TX	deplorable,whomever does this
Brad	Tobin	TX	
barbara	horonzy	MI	
Danielle	Julian	MA	
aron	shevis	NY	
aron	shevis	NY	
Sonya	Mills	KY	This is a serious crime and needs to be treated like one.
Amy	Dozier	NY	
amanda	Neahusan	MI	
Kirsten	Feld	IL	A very awesome cause
Gretchen	Luper	TX	penalties should compare to murder of a human.
Mary Ellen	Usner	LA	

bryan	cantrell	MD	
Colleen	Cornell	TX	Dog fighting is evil. Be humane and save these beautiful animals from this fate. Make the fines astronomical & jail terms long. No early release.
Christina	ouweleen	NY	Animal fighting is 1 of the worst crimes to commit, ots pure evil. Any pet is a child especially dogs. We all should all treat are four legged friends as though they are family. Animal cruelty charges should be more harsh.
Hannelore	Geisel	NH	
Kristin	Hadley	NY	
Pam	williamson		please stop this barbaric act its in humane.
Pam	williamson	NC	
Tamara	Burkholder	CO	
Stephanie	Colet	CA	
Ashley	Tingley	MA	
Kathleen	Manthey	CA	
			Please help take a monumental step in our battle to end animal cruelty by increasing the animal fighting sentencing for criminals.
Kim	Jakabcin	CT	
Karen	Murphy	PA	
Shelley	Hunt	IN	
Jessica	Gaab	CA	
Derek	Rohde	NY	End dog fighting! Please, please, please update the guidelines. It's so very important.
Karen	Clark		My 2 dogs, Petey and Spanky, were rescued as newborn puppies, with 2 other littermates and their mother from a fighting ring in Chester, PA 8 years ago. I got them before they were trained to hurt and they are the most lovable dogs one could have. It's NOT the dog, it's the owner
Robert	Castaldi	DE	Cruelty against animals is the worst crime a human can committ as the animal did not choose their situation nor can they defend themselves
Christina	Martinez	NY	North Carolina has already made cruelty to pets and other animals a real crime, with fines and sentences that may make people think twice about harming them. Now we need to get dog fighters behind bars, just like the ones they keep their dogs in. Dog fighting is no joke, and decent people won't put up with it any longer.
Don	Phillips	NC	
Pennie	Sibille	LA	Please protect gods gift !!
Georgia	Simpson	IL	

A country can be judged..... as you see China is being judged for their entire society's sadism. IMPORTANT FACT: Mirror neurons are NECESSARY.. physically NECESSARY.. to FEEL empathy for ANYONE or ANYTHING and as they are HEREDITARY (as is the LACK) they are only passed on from those who POSSESS them. Those born among us WITHOUT are clearly identified as the abusers and sadists who cannot be changed by environment nor by education. THEY WERE BORN THAT WAY. As a society they are a danger to anything or anyone unlucky enough to come under their control... be it a child, an elderly, sick, or disabled person... or an animal. They live next door, down the street, and THERE ARE EVEN THOSE WHO LOBBY YOU TO MAKE LAWS IN WASHINGTON that for whatever reason, will HURT those living beings that have no power to speak or fight for themselves. If you are not ONE OF THE ABOVE, it is your DUTY TO AMERICAN SOCIETY to make the penalties for cruelty of all kinds SO egregious that those who would act to feed their own selfish needs think twice before they even think about allowing or inflicting suffering. URGENT NEED: An ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY, as SADISM shows up at an early age and we need to protect our innocents, two AND four legged, who might otherwise unknowingly be exposed to just such monsters in human form.

nanci	little	FL
sandy	vanpelt	NJ
Renee	Panczyszyn	NJ
debby	doyle	
Gabrielle	lovero	PA
Joyce	Nunes	MA
K.	kiernan	
Ivey	Stewart	NC
Kim	Venturo	SC
Heather	Crider	IL
Sarah	Belbot	HI
Michael	Ponder	MO

Dogs love and protect their family. They are not made for fighting or even eating.

Dog fighting and it's "cousin", trunk fighting have a foot hold throughout the country. It is pervasive and needs to be eradicated. Long prison sentences will accomplish that - once the CRIME DOES NOT PAY.

It's sad and horrifying that animals are being used in such a disgusting way. Please help these beautiful creatures who only want to be loved.

Humans, including or maybe especially the law makers and judicial system, have failed these innocent victims for far too long. Shame on the USA.

Martha	McGowan	MA	Animal fighting is wrong, more needs to be done to shit it down. gets worst over time because the laws are lenient and do not fit the crime or compare to the suffering these animals endure. Some suffer long term while soft sentencing allows these people to get out of jail, most on bond who never return, and be able to repeat the offense. Maybe law makers should think about if it were their pets or children for that matter because dogs are like children in a sense and some people have dogs because they don't have children. There should be harsh sentencing that will make them think twice about committing the crime as well as long term restitution for the medical bills that pile up on shelters who step up to clean up the mess dog fighters leave behind. A registry for animal cruelty and abuse should be in place all over the US to prevent people from getting animals after abusing. These animals do not want to fight but are made to and I've seen dogs that have lost their muzzle, eyes, limbs, teeth and more due to this fighting. As an animal advocate, I'm appalled that law makers do not take this matter more seriously and get tougher with laws to prevent these actions. First offense should be equivalent to assaulting a human since these are lives that feel pain. GET TOUGHER WITH LAWS!
Le'Lani	Johnson	CA	
catharine	sprague	KS	i will display mine proudly
Holland	Green	OK	Dog fighting is just straight down wrong.
Cate	Long	NY	
Melissa	Ventura	AZ	
Heather	Angel	KY	
Chansophia	Ouk	CA	These innocent animals do not want to fight...they do what they are trained and expected to do by humans. It is time to stop punishing the wrong end of the leash. All these angels want is to be loved and they deserve to be given that love. It is time we as a society stand up and say no more to dog fighting, and all forms of animal abuse.
Tiffany	Perez	CA	
Danielle	Taylor	SC	
Raleigh	Levy	LA	
Michelle	Kunz	KY	We currently do not do enough to protect animals from cruelty.
Eva	Mailand	AR	

Christine	Sznurfeil	WY	Anyone caught fighting dogs or cockerels should be jailed for at the very least half their lives It's about time sill sentences were done away with animals are living breathing creatures who feel fear , pain and man has no right to abuse them
Heidi	Maseduca	NY	
Charlene	Johnson	FL	
Andrea	Barlow	FL	
Garry	Askren	IL	I believe it is wrong that people who drive on a revoked license or accidentally hits someone as a general rule receives a harsher punishment than people who actively support the maiming and killing of living beings for sport. These people obviously have zero degrees of empathy and belong behind bars. Dog fighting is cruel and immoral. I'll never understand how satisfaction can come from two animals killing each other. It's sickening and needs to stop!!!!
Kristy	McManus	SD	Hi aspca Team, I am a huge fan of your products and what your company represents. If you had some free time and were able to send me a few of your samples, I would slap them on my gear, car, laptop, etc. to proudly rep your brand! Hope you are enjoying this nice time of year. I appreciate anything you can pass my way. Thanks in advance!
Darla	Kravetz	PA	
Tina	Frier		
Rileigh	Levy	LA	
Karim	Moudine	AK	Proud of her!
Juanita	Draper	WI	
Tina	Frier		
Stacey	Birkby	NV	
Nikki	Seale	FL	It's that, or put them in a pit and let the winner go free.
Debbie	Spahn	FL	
Bruce	Bennett	AZ	
Carrie	Straus	NY	
joshua	demaris	AK	Please increase prison time for this terrible cruelty to these animals.
DORENA	BLAIR	VA	
Lisa	Taylor	MD	
Janice	McDonald	AZ	
Hayley	Green	KS	
Bill	Murray	FL	

Tamara	Thompson	VA	This makes no sense 6months or less! You need to get tough on Dog Fighting!! Punish the people not the dogs!! The people involved in the dog fighting industry or the problem not the poor animals that are used, beaten, killed tossed away or shot dead when they can not bring any monetary gain!!! Get tough just like you called yourselves getting tough on drugs!! even though that proved to be false and misleading, here is your chance for redemption!!!
Meria	Stapley		
Bobbi	Chandler	DE	
kayla	altergoot	IL	I rescued my pit from being a bait dog when we got her she has half of her lip and ear missing and 3 baby teeth where gone already. Now she is healed and a happy little puppy. I think all types of animal fighting should have a consequence, its not right and it's very sad to see. I LOVE dogs, cats birds and all kids of animals they all deserve a life just like the rest of us so GET TOUGH!! <3
Desirae	Mcintosh	NC	I nave two great pit buii mixes and tney are wonaertui dogs, due to these terrible people out there that fight these dogs for sport my dogs are put in that questionable area of are they safe. They are because we love them, they are our furry children and raised them as such. They would never harm people because we raised them that way, unless licking and cuddling are a problem. Please do something about these light sentences that these people are getting for ruining so many innocents lives, those of human nature and furry ones too, too much has happen to this breed, stop the insanity!
Denise	Pope	NH	I have a boxer and he's my world I hate seeing on tv dog fights its to cruel and needs to be stopped! I support for dog fights to be stopped!
Julianna	Oesterle	FL	
Esther	Gutierrez	CA	
Barbara	De Rubin	CA	
Diane	Glem	MN	I have fought very hard over the years to educate people about this horrible act of cruelty. This crime should be punishable to the fullest. I have sent several screenshots from dog fighting pages off of Instagram and sent them via PM through Facebook to the Anti Dog Fighting Campaign with reply. I hope and pray that someday this horrible act stops and people understand this beautiful animal deserves better. Thank you to everyone that cares enough about this breed to help stop this.
haylee	hintz	ND	
mendifer	hubble	OH	
brianna	berendes	IN	

Thankyou it is a shame

Holly	Boartfield	AL
Staci	Compton	VA
Enrique	Palma	MN
Jennifer	Miranda	AL

i hope that one day the dog fighting will end!
 Please understand that people who are cruel to animals inevitably are also cruel to people. Your worst criminals begin here. There is a definite link to cruelty to animals and future violent criminal behavior. Consider what drives these cold-hearted, evil people, and their punishment should reflect their awful crimes. Currently, you could get in more trouble for having a snack bag full of marijuana than you would for torturing and killing animals. There is something VERY wrong with that. Please help.

Eileen	Finn	IL
Ashley	Getz	WA
Cecile	Lemy	
Ryan	Vayo	MA
max	schwartz	MI
Martha	Estrada	OR
Ashley	Paez	PR

Dog fighting and animal fighting in general is an abomination upon this planet....
 Should put the handlers in the ring with the dogs, perhaps then they might get it!!!

These dogs are pushed to fight by the owners. They are starved and mistreated so they will be aggressive when they could have been someone's pet. We will never end animal abuse if we don't "up the bar" on punishment for these types of crimes. I'm disgusted when I see someone get fines or a small jail sentence, it tells people it's okay to do this as long as it's only an animal. What kind of justice is that....None at all! These are violent people committing violent acts against a helpless animal. If you are unaware of the consequences for the dogs that are used to fight, not to mention the bait dogs, please look up dog fighting on the internet and educate yourself on the whole picture. Try the PETA website. Thank you.

Sheryl	Alinger	OR
Ross	LoGrasso	MA
Justin	rigsbee	SC
Justin	rigsbee	SC

Dog fighting is the scourge of society!

lina	asatoori	
Laney	Scott	KY
Jennifer	Miranda	AL

Please stop dog fighting by imposing harsh punishment to the ones who organize and bet on them. Please make a world a safer place for animals. Thank you

Kevin	coleman	OH	Why do people treat animals like they have no purpose. In life , animals are just as valuable. As humans
Takena	White	FL	
meghan	Briscoe	LA	id like one please ,thanks for helping ti make our world a better place for us and our animals !
Takena	White	FL	
Hunter	Etheridge	GA	
			Anyone who can abuse an animal is actually a coward. They are heartless and have emotional problems. There are really no words to express what they are doing or have done. When you think about the loyalty of an animal and how they help people heal when they are sick mentally or physically. It is very sad that these abusers have not known the love of an animal for their human companion.
Theresa	DeNicolò	IL	Frankly I feel it should be a MINIMUM of five years and never to have animals of any kind for the rest of their lives. Once one putban animal through that or any kind of abuse, it's just easier the second time. Violence against animals also makes violence against humans easier to perform.
Diana	Storo	CA	
Deborah	Unck CVT, CCRP	UT	Dogs are the best!
Johnnie	Stiebel	MO	
kathy	sellars	GA	
pamela	pellegrini	IL	
Rick	Sane	TN	
Rebecca	Wright	AL	
Sandra	Coombs	FL	
Darrell	Bryant	ME	
candace	farrior	FL	This is completely unacceptable . Opponents should go to jail for substantial time .
Jeffrey	Arnette	NC	Dog fighting is discusting and I support anyone aginst it. I am a pit mother of 2 blues. Anything I can do to prevent dog fighting, I will do. No excuses. Tougher penalties. Period make them KNOW IT IS NOT WORTH IT TO HURT!
zoey	Williams	CT	No animal should endure any form of abuse or neglect of any kind throughout their life time
Julia	Vollmer	NY	
sarah	elmore	TX	
Alexander	Bis	CO	
Shelley	Carpenter	NV	
Linda	Roggenburg	FL	

Andrea	Carranz	FL	This issue is very dear to many animal lovers heart. It is cruel to submit a dog or any animal to fight and be physically disfigured or emotionally distressed and in worst case scenarios lose their life because of selfishness and greed due to dog fighting please hear our plea to raise the sentencing on these individuals who decide to break the law in a cruel manner.
aron	shevis	NY	
aron	shevis	NY	
Debra	Fisher	MO	Please make a stand with this amendment and show that this type of behavior is not only inhumane it is unacceptable.
Amy	Lindsay	IL	
Elke	Mazza	WA	
janice	sams	GA	
Amy	Lindsay	IL	
Katherine	Wilson	TX	thanks for the sample
Donald	Hepler	PA	The sentence should fit the crime,those poor dog's should have the chance to be a lovable pet to a wonderful family. If these men choose to make these dog fight to the death they should be punished to the max. I don't feel that 5 years is not enough but if it has been the law since 2008 don't you think it is time to enforce this law!!!!
Denise	Pittluck	IL	
Donna	Nelson	MN	
Steven	Acosta	CA	
Jennifer	Wike	OR	
A	Donahue	NY	
Sheila	Carter	GA	
Sheila	Carter	GA	
frank	angelini	PA	
Jeanene	Hanley	AZ	Please consider that your decision in this matter will have an extremely important impact in reducing animal cruelty crimes.
sean	linder	CA	

There are not sufficient words for me to tell you how much this crime sickens me and my family. If there is no way to mandate they serve their ENTIRE 5 years (or whatever length is imposed) without any possibility of early parole, I very much be in favor of mandating that AT MINIMUM any person convicted of such barbarous behavior MUST serve at minimum 80% of their time without ANY possibility of parole. Period. If I could double their sentence to 10 years, I would in a heartbeat. What kind of person does these kinds of things? If they'll do it to an animal, I suspect there's a greater probability they'll do it to their children, so such investigations should automatically trigger Child Services' involvement in such cases. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THESE HORENDOUS ACTS PERPETRATED UPON INOCENT ANIMALS. They need to be put away - for a very long time - and not to any "country club" prison either.

Michael	Arnold	CA
Courtney	King	NY
Chris	barnes	GA

The penalty needs to fit the horrible crime period!!

Nicole	Gumina	CA
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They do not have a voice, be their voice. I assume most of you have dogs.. could you bare your own pet going through this?

Dear Commissioners, I am writing to ask that guidelines for animal abuse/animal fighting (of any kind) have stronger sentences for the criminals behind these heinous acts of torture. The sentences need to be more harsh than a 6 month sentence of probation. These criminals do not learn from probation. They laugh at that. While we are asking that these sentences be harsher, we also ask that we take animals from being personal property to being living, breathing mammals that these crimes are committed against.

Chris	Kisch	MO
Mackenzie	Langford	TX
Jacky	robles	CA
Nadia	Sala	PA
Ana	Mallett	AZ
Jennifer	Brandon	NC

As an dog shelter kennel attendant you see things as a result of this cruel event that stick with you for years; the stuff of nightmares. Where dogs can not say no or they're beaten or killed, it's our place as responsible individuals to make sure any person is deterred from this monstrous occupation. Thank you for the time and efforts you will take with this. Please know it is appreciated beyond words!

Johanna	Perri	WA
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Katie	Matsui	CA	What could be worse than torturing a defenseless and voiceless animal to make a buck. Please make this stop.
Timothy	Lauxmann	MI	<p>never endure this Brutal,Evil, Selfishness,Blood Sport is what this has become.All over the world these Animals have endured this evilness torture. Whether it is Bait or Fighting dogs.No animal should never go through what they do. All animals deserve a fighting chance to rehabilitate and have unconditional love in their life.I believe this violent act and torture that is placed on these animals.That the Laws of of violence deserves the highest punishment on can get.No person should never be be let go lightly . What if it was your dog or dogs they stole from your backyard while you and family was away at a store or where ever your family may be . And that animal was/is your child's pet ? What would you do then how would you tell your child that your pet was/is stolen ? How you would explain this to your family . What is Your family member was/ is part of that dog fighting ring and operation how would you feel about that . Would you let them slide because their family ? I think not ! If you do your just as guilty as the next observer that had a hand in dog fighting. How would you explain this to your children and Grand children ? How would it make you feel that you did something to prevent this from happening again and over and over? WE DEMAND THE MAX PUNISHMENT EVER LAID ON THIS CRUEL EVIL ACT OF TORTURE ! JUST REMEMBER IT COULD BE YOUR FAMILY PET AND FAMILY MEMBERS INVOLVED !Thank you for you time and consideration Sincerely Mercedes Frank I AM MAJORITY I STAND UP WHAT IN WHAT I AM FIGHTING FOR NO MORE DOG FIGHTING AND I SUPPORT ALL ANIMALS I AM THEIR VOICE ONE OF MANY !</p>
Mercedes	Frank	AZ	
Christy	Kurtz	IL	<p>These beautiful innocent animals should not have to have a brutal life. They don't get a chance to 'live' because their made to survive for their life's. How would these ignorant "MONSTERS" (they don't deserve to be called human) like being put in a pit to fight for their life's. All these animals want is to love. My dog was the first to show me true unconditional love. Please make these MONSTERS pay for what they are doing to these helpless loving animal.</p>
Willa	Falk	CA	
Kari	Maus	TX	<p>No animal deserves to be exposed to fighting, because people are cruel and like to entertain themselves. There needs to be more punishment for this horrible act. Children and people have a choice to fight, animals don't. This is ridiculous.</p>

graciela	pacheco	NV	They (animals) can't talk, we are the one who can think and talk and know what is right and what is wrong, please do something about it!!!! I wish I am millionaire and have the power to do it but I am not, try to help animals when I see lost, hungry o hurts but you have more power to do it, please do it!! Thanks Graciela Pacheco
Kelly Pamela	mc Combs frimmer	WA NJ	We need stronger laws to be enforced for such inhumane and cruel tactics in regards to dog fighting.
Amanda	Whisler	AZ	Thank you for considering and hearing this important issue. Please consider amending and putting into place harsher penalties for those who not only fight these poor animals, but also those who watch and participate in this horrendous activity in any manner.
Kathleen	Klamert	MO	Animal fighting is horrendous. The poor things are brutalized, injured while fighting and apparently not cared for when they're in between 'matches'. No animal should be forced to fight another animal(s), especially for someone to make money from this so called 'sport'. It is NOT a sport, nor is it very sporting. The perpetrators should be sentenced to the max, plus fined heavily, with the monies going to animal charities. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, update the guidelines. Dog fighting is such a horrific crime, the poor animals have to suffer way to much and is so downright Cruel. Thank you, Sharon Stanley
Sharon	Stanley	TX	
Theresa Elizabeth	Strom Lok	CO NE	As long as those who commit the crimes of animal fighting and abuse get very little (if any) punishment things will not change. People involved in animal fighting generally are committing other crimes and they should be severely punished!! dog fighting is so cruel, this must stop
Shirin Deborah Margo Jennifer Roxanna	Ighani Gripp Wilson Oppenheim Veras	CA MN AZ TX NJ	Please make it a capital crime for animal cruelty! Better police response and making sure we make a sample of those who commit these horrible crimes on animals! Children and animals can't fend for themselves, therefore our laws should!
Marian F.	McAleenan	ME	This is a most important step in doing what is right. The punishments for animal crime are very much below what they should be. Please update animal fighting guidelines. Thank you.

Linda	DAWSON	CA	Please help stop the cruelty of these animals. It's not a sport, (cock fights included) it's just plain devious and sick. Put these horrible people behind bars!
Brenda	Hartman	PA	
Kim	Ramsey	FL	This is sickening and cruel torture for any animal! It has to stop !
Debbie	Jackson	RI	
Edquna	Thompson	AL	
Debbie	Jackson	RI	
Kathleen	Harvey	AL	This is so inhuman to allow this horrific treatment to these precious animals and then give them barely a slap on the hand!!!
sendilcoumar	subbaiah	FL	
Rita	Glentzer	PA	
Eva	Hofberg	CA	Animals want to live as much as we do! But cannot speak and tell you this. Please help them!
			We, as a society, must stand up with loud voices for these innocent dogs who only wish to love humans unconditionally. The people who maliciously use these brutalized and abused dogs for economic gain, must be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and the law must be much harsher! Make it clear that this type of horrific behavior will not be tolerated. The suffering these dogs endure, from their birth to their death, is unimaginable. The conditions in which they are forced to live, i.e., lack of care, lack of food, lack of water, lack of shelter from the freezing winter or from the searing heat of the long days of summer - is inexcusable. This does not even begin to address the complete and utter lack of human kindness these dogs will never know. My heart aches when I see or read of these poor suffering dogs. Why are people so ignorant and cruel? Dogs deserve better humans.
Dawn	Baumer	CA	
Margaret G	Tyler, Ph.D.	MO	
Jeannine	Greenlee	OH	
Cicely	Potter	UT	
Barbara	Mintz	NY	
Lisa	Roose	MS	
Sue	Tobin	IL	Please, take these brutal people out of society with the first offense. This simply cannot be allowed to continue. Maximum prison sentences with each arrest will (hopefully) bring this violent blood sport to an end!

Daivd	Kilpatrick	CA	I believe the evidence strongly suggests that people who abuse animals will go on to abuse other vulnerable human beings - children and elderly. This is our chance to reduce suffering. Not e tough is done to punish these disgusting individuals-we must be the advocates for the wonderful animals being treated so grotesquely. We must keep these horrible peep in jail and make them pay for their crimes.
Bobbie Steele	Jodre Gladston	NJ NH	
Vince	Mendieta	TX	
Anna	Rodriguez	CA	
Dixie	Fihaley	MO	I am too much a lady to use the nasty words I feel for people who cause pain to any animal for monetary gain.
mark	rabenort	MN	Please make it a felony and mandatory six month minimum jail time on your first conviction
Linda	Kuzma-Rodevad	CA	
Kathleen	Klamert	MO	
Linda	Penrod	FL	Making these animals fight is a terrible crime. It is utter cruelty, and I believe anyone who can do this to an animal will have no qualms about hurting people as well.
barbara	mcgrath	MA	—
Monica	Barnes	KS	Humans are barbaric... having God's creatures fight to make the human money. Harsh,strict penalties that are enforced will help deter and hopefully end this barbaric abuse to innocent animals. These abusers get slaps in the wrist which is a joke! Animals' lives matter!
Dina	DeCarlo	IL	
Stephanie	Clark	MA	
Heather	Hughes	NH	
Kim	Foster	NM	Animal fighting is such a horrific crime. We can do better, much better than this. If the people who perpetuate this crime do not have strong sentences, they have no reason to stop, as it is obvious they have no moral compass.
joanne	calabrese	NV	This is beyond horrible! PLEASE help protect the innocent animals forced to fight, or used as bait dogs. Thank you.
Debra	Ashton	NJ	As you know, animal cruelty and abuse often leads to other crimes - rape, murder, drug trafficking, etc. Allowing judges to impose more harsher sentences for dog fighting helps battle crime in many other areas. From a moral standpoint, it's just wrong to abuse and exploit innocent animals through dog fighting. These animals didn't ask to be put in that situation and the perpetrators need to be dealt with very harshly.
Linda B.	Jones	NY	

Brenda Hartman PA
Keith Krupinski MO

This barbaric treatment of animals and the criminal element involved must stop. Serious consequences will help! Please ensure that those who participate will feel the full impact of the law!

Virginia Bruton FL
Elise de Doncker MI

MariLynn Herman SD

Please tell these horrible people that there are consequences for dog fighting. They need to be held accountable. Dog fighting is NOT a sport--it is a horrific crime.

Marcia Halcomb MD

Please help save animals from further cruelty and abuse. If the sentences are made harsh enough, animal abusers may be deterred from engaging in this horrible practice.

Donna Timberman NC

Any act of animal abuse should have harsher penalties. Please make it happen!

These innocent animals suffer unspeakable horrors at the hands of these sick people looking to make a buck off attempting to train these loving and trusting dogs to kill each other for sport! The dogs that won't fight are beaten, shot, drown and/or stabbed to death. The dogs that do fight either die a slow, painful death or are cheered on to keep killing! The real "animals" here are the people that participate in this "sport". Please ensure these criminals are given the maximum sentence possible. Honestly, 5 years is not long enough but it's a start. Mike Vick never should have been allowed to play pro ball again after what he did. We need to send the message that this is NOT OK and these actions will come with consequences.

Marci Rufenacht CA
Sharon White AL
Sharon Stanley TX

Sandra Ross CT

In the name of kindness and responsibility to protect the unprotected, please stop this cruelty. thank you , Sandra Ross I would like to write to say this is a horrible act to hurt an animal,where they can not speak up for themselves.We are there voices,and people must speak up for these creatures of God,who just want unconditional love. They bring so much happiness to children and adults alike. These people who do this are horrible human beings,if they do this to an animal,what do they do to a human being? Thank you for letting me voice my opinion. Janice Schiavo

Janice Schiavo NY

Rebecca Toney MS

Debra	Bruce	TX	Any form of animal fighting should be illegal and carry a hefty sentence. We are their voice. Period.
Terri	Reed	KS	
Christina	Marti	IL	
Mary	Dittmann	MS	Dog Fighting needs to stop There must be a strong deterrent to this barbarism. It's common sense and there is empirical evidence that this doesn't stop with vulnerable animals, but with vulnerable humans as well.
kate	martin	NY	...Tough guys...do your own fighting...let the animals live in peace!
Sigrid	Moranz	CA	
			I am urging you to make a commitment to amend the guidelines to better reflect the maximum sentence for dogfighting. It is such a cruel and heinous crime. Dogfighting needs to be stopped and the punishment needs to fit the crime with the maximum sentence of 5 years in prison the first time around and if caught again the sentence should increase. These dogs are exploited for money and power and they suffer a horrible life and death at the hands of these criminals. It our duty as human beings to protect them. These dogs don't deserve to be torn to shreds, and executed by electrocution or some other horrible means if they lose or won't fight. They use the ones that won't fight as bait dogs to be turn up over and over again until they either die from their wounds or death at the jaws of these criminals top fighting dogs. These dogs, are beaten and starved, pumped up with steroids and forced to exercise to near exhaustion so they will have the stamina that they need to fight. When their short lives are ended either by being torn to shreds, or from their wounds their bodies are tossed away like garbage. Some of the dogs that lose the fight are being executed by electrocution with a live wire being shoved up their butt or hung or shot execution style and then tossed away or buried still alive all because they lost the fight. These animals need our protection and it is in your hands to change our laws.
Deborah	D'ANGELO	NY	
lucinda	stotelmyer	WV	
Juliann	Rogers	NV	
F.	Bernstein	CA	Animal fighting is a death sentence for many innocent animals. The penalty for participating in or sponsoring, in any way, animal fighting should reflect the severity of the consequences of animals fighting in the life of the animals.
Marci	Rufenacht	CA	
Tamra	Even	NV	

Teresa	Crosby	FL	No one should be able to cause harm or neglect to any living being without sevier penalty. Please protect all animals from the most dangerous animal of all, mankind.
Carolyn	Amparan	MO	
Chris	Isham	FL	No one should be able to cause harm or neglect to any living being without sevier penalty. Please protect all animals from the most dangerous animal of all, mankind. These beautiful animals aren't born to fight, it's the owners that make them fight. The people doing the crime needs to face the maximum penalty under the law. Please don't continue to defer their sentences because they will just turn around and do it again. We are these poor animals voices and they need our help!
Jessie	Day	TX	I strongly support this amendment. It is time that pet owners are held accountable for their unethical treatment of all types of animals!
Carol	Del Aguila	CA	
Marlena	Butler	MN	A prison sentence of 5 years or more should be set! Making these animals fight is SICK!!!! Why these fools get a thrill out of watching this brutality, have very small hearts and no compassion for a sweet beautiful animal!!! Shame on them!! Animal fighting is often accompanied by other lawless behavior. It is life threatening to interfere.
CHRIS	HOPKINS	FL	
Susan	Stevenson	NY	This is the right thing to do! I write to encourage the U.S. Sentencing Commission to amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines to reflect the seriousness of this horrible crime and affirm the brutality of animal fighting. We must do better! In this day and age, the only reason for dog fighting is to hurt and kill dogs. This is not entertainment. This is torture and cruel for no reason but greed and hate. Anyone that is capable doing these horrible things, is capable of doing the same thing to humans. What's to stop them if you don't do something to punish this horrible act. Why would you not?
Marilyn	Verick	WI	
fred	fall	NJ	
Alicia	O'Falan	TX	
Brenda	Michaels	WA	Those HARDENED CRIMINALS should be treated like thru treated the animal!!!
Thomas	Pintagro	NY	
Heidi	Luallen	AL	-
Brittney	Pinnick	OH	
Consultants	Intl	GA	
CARMEN	DIAZ	IL	
latonya	walker	NY	

Chris	Isham	FL	No one should be able to cause harm or neglect to any living being without sevier penalty. Please protect all animals from the most dangerous animal of all, mankind.
James	Hoots	NC	Please punish these criminals! So many laws, most of them no good for the average citizen.
Barrie	Brejcha	IL	
Ginny	Smith	NH	

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Deborah	D'ANGELO	NY
Thomas	Pintagro	NY
Meg	Seltzer	CA
Tami	Miller	VA
Jane	Reynolds	WI
Linda B.	Jones	NY
Jacqueline	Deslandes	IL
Fay	Bracken	FL
Sharon	Fulks	AZ

YOU HAVE THE POWER, PLEASE HELP.

Terri	Mayes	IL	Violence without consent - that is basically what animal fighting is. I strongly condemn animal fighting and want the sentencing commission to make a strong stand both on fighting and cruelty in total.
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pat	winne	NC	Even the bible states animal cruelty is wrong. Read proverbs 12:10 and Luke 14:5 just as examples but the bible has more examples. This country was built on the bible, we need to do what is right for all including animals. Abuse is wrong for all. Those who abuse animals deserve to go to prison.
Michelle	Fitzpatrick	FL	
Diana	Lunceford	GA	
Consultants	Intl	GA	— As long as the punishment is light, animals will continue to suffer at the hands of the same people. Please be their voice as they have none.
James	Neese	AL	
Sheree	Knohl	MD	
Heather	Wright	MI	
Sandra	Young	MI	
Kay	Miller	IN	
Marie	Pedro	CA	To anyone that can do something about this horrible crime. I am heartbroken that animal cruelty is so prevalent in the United States. Are we a country that no longer cares about right and wrong. I hope not. Please do something to stop the abuse of helpless animals. Please !! People who perpetuate cruelty toward animals also are incapable of empathy toward people as well. These people are dangerous to us all. We need to send a strong message that acting on sadistic impulses will not be tolerated. Even 5 years in prison is not long enough for the pain and suffering these people cause.
Laura	Long	IL	animal fighting is the lowest of the low. It's a crime, NOT entertainment! Please stop this abominable behavior now by prosecuting these disgusting criminals, NOT the innocent animals!
Jill	Thompson	NM	
Cheryl	Marrs	FL	
Donald	Strauser jr	VA	STOP DOGFIGHTING-CAUSES VIOLENCE-DRUGS-ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND IS HORRIFIC ABUSE ON ANIMALS.
Donna	Timberman	NC	
Alison	Stevens	KY	Love this! I have a pit bull and people are so afraid of him because of the actions of these immoral uncaring dog fighters.
Martha W D	Bushnell	CO	
Nadine	Azarian	NY	
Jeannie	Hall	GA	
Darla	Tuttle	NC	
mary	swilling	SC	South Carolina really needs stronger animal protection laws

Connie	Nosker	AZ
Josephine	Scannella	NY
sandra	conley	TN
Deborah	Swanson	UT
William	Mullen	NJ
Donna	Sparks	TN
John	Browning	TX
Lauren	Hollaender	KY
Linda	Schmidt	MA
Tiffany	Coley	GA
Patricia	Dishman	TN
Belinda	Williford	CA
Lisa	DeMott	SC
Ellen	Hallahan	NY
Roseanne	Flynn	PA
Mark	Buciak	IL
Kim	Varden	CA
fred	fall	NJ
T	Chandler	TX
Kathleen	Dunn	CA
Donna	George	NY
John and Cindy	Phillps	TX
Karen	Suit	WV
John	Bice	FL
Kathy	Kestell	WA

The guidelines should be even stricter- more jail timer and greater fines!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Animal fighting is absolutely unacceptable!! Make the penalties great enough to hurt!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It must STOP

I agree, the punishment SHOULD fit the crime!

Please, please do something about the abuse these animals endure. I do not understand why anyone would hurt a defenseless animal. I also do not understand why the United States does not have tougher punishments for these crimes. We are supposed to be a country above all other countries, but we allow this to happen in our communities.

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I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. John and Cindy Phillips Dallas, Texas.

Animal cruelty is become a major issue across the country. Animals of all types are being tortured and abused. There needs to tough laws on the books to make animal a felony. They cant defend themselves, so people like us need to make the changes. You are our Commissioners. Help us out, we help you out at the voting polls. Would enjoy an invite at your next meetings. Thank you,

Juanita	Gama	CA	
Laura	Highes	TX	Please help as this issue is extremely important to millions of people.
Helene	Green	OR	
William	Powell	PA	
Cheryl	Davis	NJ	There is no excuse or reason for animal fighting. The animals used in this event should be turned on those involved.
			I feel that five years in prison should be the absolute minimum sentence for a crime that is clearly premeditated, senseless, and cruel. Animal fighting is essentially the equivalent of murder, as the intent is for animals to die even as they're forced to fight for their very lives. A ten- to twenty-year sentence would be more appropriate in my view; however, I would appreciate any steps taken to ensure that judges take this crime more seriously when handing down sentencing. Thank you for your consideration.
Christine	Pingleton	IN	
Lyndsey	Roy	DE	
janet	howells	AZ	Please stop the torture of innocent animals
kathy	searles	MI	
Katie	Luokka	MI	
Melody	Martin	GA	Please, increase the punishment for such horrible crimes! Anyone who can destroy innocent lives for entertainment should be put under the jail!
Monique	Lowther	OH	
June	Curley	MA	
Glenna	Volpe	OR	Please help those who cannot help themselves. Thank You. No animal should be forced to be violent, hurt or killed for a human's entertainment.
Judith	Mersereau	NM	
Rochelle	Hunter	CA	
Margaret	Stephens	OR	
Carol	Taggart	CA	
Nicole	Keefe	MD	
jenne	sindoni	MA	
Ana	Jacques	FL	
Michelle	Martinez	GA	
Lynne	McCrary	TX	
Bobbi	Segal	FL	
Deborah	Kanzler	NY	

Maryann	Wagner	MD	As a Animal Lover and a Pit Bull Lover Please update these guidelines Dear Commissioners: It is, Absolutely Horrible, what these DOGS suffer! Both PHYSICALLY & MENTALLY. NOTE: Owner do not suffer, ANY, of the Mental & physical wounds. It is Unconsciousable!
S.	Drechney	IL	
Homara	Zeledon	AZ	
Genevieve	Riber	CA	
ELIZABETH	TUCKER-GRAHAM	WY	
Julia	Villars	MI	
Robyn	DeVoist	NY	
Ba	Vroon	LA	rCompassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel, or overlooks cruelty, to animals cannot be a good man.? Arthur Schopenhauer The sub-humans who fight dogs are a scourge on society. They enjoy seeing pain inflicted on animals and the majority of them likely enjoy inflicting pain on humans. They need to receive the longest prison sentence possible and they need to be prevented from ever owing another animal. The same goes for cock fighting. The animals they torture didn't have a choice - you do. Make it possible to make the time represent the crime.
Cheryl	Kallenbach	ID	
Claire	Chambers	CA	
Denise	BILLETT	VA	
Kathie	Free	WI	Forcing animals to fight for entertainment and/or gambling is barbaric and shameful. Wishing You a great day and I want to thank You for what you do to stop this.
karin	akouete	CO	
Gudrun	Dennis	FL	
Hilda	Lewis		
Ashley	Kula	NY	
Lorenza	Hood	CO	That level of cruelty needs to be paired with a substantial sentence.

			<p>Please consider that anyone present at a dog-fighting ring more than likely has some contact and/or some role in a crime in addition to being at the dog fight. Drugs and gambling are probably the most likely although people who can brutalize (and watch animals killed in such violent ways) dogs more than likely have brutalized human beings as well. To punish the crime of dog fighting will not only help stop dog fighting but will allow law enforcement more information about these people when they harm or kill human beings. I thank you for seeing people who attend or promote dog fighting as criminals who deserve punishment. There is no innocent bystander at a dog fight except for a child, and any parent or guardian who takes a child to dog fight needs to be in jail for that. People who engage in dog fighting in any way need to be punished.</p>
Cynthia	McWilliams	TN	
Isabel	Rodgers	LA	
			<p>Please consider this amendment. It so disheartening to think of small children be taken to a brutal animal fighting event as if it is a basketball game.</p>
Darcy	Watson	UT	
Janet	escobedo	CA	
Barbara	Shepperson	WY	
Susan	Westbrook	NY	
			<p>Illegal gambling takes place around animal cruelty in these cases. Please make it stop. People who are guilty of sponsoring and/or participating in dog fighting or any animal fighting, should have stiffer prison sentencing with required rehab services/counseling, along with a very high financial payment going to animal or other organizations to educate the public against dog and other animal fighting.</p>
melissa	kaegel	IL	
Mar	Snyder	ME	
Cecilia	Laspisa	AZ	
Danise	Flood	IA	
			<p>Dog fighting harms grievously the dogs who are forced to fight, the dogs who are used to breed fighters, and the dogs, cats and other animals used to "train" the fighters. Please help end this cruelty by ensuring that these crimes are sentenced appropriately.</p>
Ann Marie	Ritchie	PA	
Robert	Panza	CA	
			<p>We need the strongest sentencing possible for these cruel people. Have you ever looked at the animals eyes and see how cruel they have been treated. Take the time and make the strongest penalty possible for these sick people. Stand up for what is right. Sandra Smith</p>
Sandra	Smith	AZ	
Bobbijo	Allen	NC	

Janice	Adamson	KS	
Barbara	Damm	NJ	
			This is a horrible act of cruelty that has gone on way to long. These animals are not born mean, their abusers have forced them into this lifestyle. Need much stronger punishment for the abusers and it needs to be put into effect YESTERDAY!!!
Peggy	Cross	FL	
Kate	Sheridan	RI	Make our nation one we can be proud of. The only help they can get is from a few that care enough & YOU ! Please help our Dog friends get protected . Thank you, A.G.Angros
Andrew	Angros	PA	
Suz-ze	Copeland	OK	
Jessica	Bellas	PA	—
Ana	Jacques	FL	
Mary A	Leon	TX	—
Ronald	Mitchell	FL	
Bruce	C Switzer	AZ	
L H	McNew	GA	Help protect animals who look to us to love and protect them. Animal fighting or any kind is wrong and inhumane. Dogs are loyal, compassionate friends. Dogs that have been trained to tear each other apart until one or both is dead is ridiculously brutal. I know we would all like to turn our backs and pretend this brutality doesn't exist but I'm sorry to say it does. These people need to be prosecuted and prosecuted harshly. We need to send the message that this will not be tolerated by punishing with an insignificant monetary fine. Please Help us and our furry friends.
Sandy	Johnson	MD	
			Animal fighting is a horrific practice where innocent animals are forced to attack each other and suffer terrible physical injuries and emotional scars. People who force vulnerable animals into this need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Surely anyone who is this cruel to a living thing should be punished. . Please help raise awareness and prevention .. Thank you.
Martina	Jonsson	IL	
Anna	Reynolds	LA	
Pamela	Kessler	WV	
			Brutal treatment of and activities involving animals must stop, and violators severely punished. They are worse than the most savage of animals.
Robert	Devaney	NY	
nina	clausen	NY	stop dogfigth, it is cruelty and made by humans to earn money.- Dogs don_t like fight and it is a real crime. It is disgusting

Carol	Lipper	VA	Please increase the penalties for persons involved in dog fighting. The animal fighting business is cruel and often accompanied by other criminal enterprises such as drug dealing. It is a plague on society that should be eradicated. Stiffer sentences will help achieve this goal.
Lani	Hummel	MD	
Teresa	Cardosi	MA	It is important for every one of us to do all that we can for these defenseless and precious animals. We are their voice. Thank you! Animal fighting of all kinds should be stopped-animals cannot speak for themselves so we need to do it for them.
Shelby	Hood	TN	
becky	johnson	ME	Please pass animal fighting amendment 2015/2016 for five year prison sentence. Thank you.
Marion	Snyder	ME	
Judith	Martin	VA	There is absolutely NO room in the 21st century for ANY type of animal fighting !! Aren't supposed to be civilized? Please.....do what you KNOW in your HEART is RIGHT...ensure the MAXIMUM prison sentence is clear and enforced. Thank you.
Brittney	Baker	WA	
Joseph	Scriffignano	NJ	
Susan	Dunaway	OR	EVIL,CRUEL,HORRIFIC. SOCIOPATHS TO WATCH ANIMALS RIPPED TO PIECES FOR MONEY... HEATHENS. KARMA TO YOU. GOD SEES ALL.
Sandy	Johnson	MD	
Madelyn	Reid	FL	
Anna	Reynolds	LA	
Patricia	Toner	CA	
Jayne	Baughman	SC	I BELIEVE THAT DOG AND ROOSTER FIGHTING SHOULD HAVE A LONG TERM SENTENCE AND STIFF FINES . IT IS INHUMANE WHAT THESE PEOPLE DO TO HELPLESS ANIMALS FOR SPORT. ALSO FOR PEOPLE WHO THROW AWAY THEIR ANIMALS IN BAGS AND SUITCASES TO GET RID OF THEM IS ALSO A STIFF FINE AND LONG PRISON SENTENCES.
Fay	Bracken	FL	
Margaret & Samuel	Sandoval	AZ	As a person who cares about protecting those without a voice, we need to strengthen laws to help stop abusers and protect all dogs who are injured, killed, abused and have no choice.
Nena	Price	CA	
chad	hayes	PA	
the faces	price	TN	

Virginia	Valencia	CA	Please consider what if your pet were to be thrown into a lifecycle as one of these poor born innocent dogs, destined to a life of fear and pain, please do the right thing.
Heather	Raftery	WA	
Maria	Cox	KS	
Elaine	Arthur	MA	
Sharon	Bailey	TX	
Cecilia	Laspisa	AZ	
Gina	Mirreale	NJ	They are the scum of the earth and it should extrem harsh punishment
maribel	perez	TX	
Darla	Tuttle	NC	
Judy	Mueller	NY	
C.S.	Wade	IL	
judy	mackowski	FL	
Donna	Cottrell	CA	
eve	roberts	FL	
Melanie	Newby	FL	
Sean	Buchanan	MA	
Pamela	Kessler	WV	I wish you could raise the guidelines and also include a minimum mandatory prison sentence.
Elena	Mashington	DE	
Yolanda	Harris	GA	
Shelby	Hood	TN	
Teresa	Cardosi	MA	
Paula	Giesing	CA	
Susan	Dunaway	OR	
Jill	Croce	CA	
Richard	LaFlamme	NH	
Jennifer	Rudinsky	WA	
Lila E	Torres	CT	These animals can't speak for themselves. They suffer horrid pain in silence. Please make animal abuse a serious crime with strong punishment toward the humans that do these despicible crimes.
Janice	Adamson	KS	
Kurt	Schwenk	IL	
Carol	Lipper	VA	
christine	jones	GA	
Denise	Remy	PA	
			Please take action today and do not delay.
			I hope and pray that the day will come when there is no dog fighting. It is a cruel "sport".

The Jennett Ronnie	U. family Bailey Egan	PA TX GA	Please,harsher punishment for animal abusers.
BARBARA Angie Joe Gwen	HANNAH Ostrowski Henson Romani	IL IL CA CA	THOSE WHO ABUSE ANIMALS ARE CLOSE TO POSSIBLY ABUSING PEOPLE. I SHOULD THINK THAT THESE PEOPLE HAD ROUGH BEGINNINGS AND NO COMMPASSION SHOWED THEM. THEY SHOULD BE REQUIRED IN THEIR INCARCERATION TO LEARN COMPASSION, PERHAPS FROM A BUDDHIST POINT OF VIEW. PEMA CHANDRON WOULD BE SOMEONE TO CONTACT ON THAT AS SHE ALREADY IS INVOLVED IN PRISONER TRAINING.
Carole	Burch	GA	A society is judged by how it treats it's animals. A society is also judged by how it protects those that cannot protect themselves. Animal fighting and the inhumane treatment of the animals forced to participate is unconscionable, cruel and indefensible. The lives of torture and pain these animals are subjected to reflects inhumanity and cruelty at its highest level. Those convicted should be prosecuted to the maximum the law allows.
Paula sandra Faye	McPhail h Timmer	NC FL NJ	Animals are voiceless victims who should not be abused in such a horrible manner. We need to speak for them and let their abusers know that their behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
sarah Phyllis	odonoghue Birdwell	WA MI	Please! We need to strive to stop all incidents of animal abuse and cruelty; and, that can only happen with tougher laws and penalties. These animals are our loving, loyal, faithful and trusting companions who cannot speak for or defend themselves. We need to protect them. Looking into their sweet trusting eyes, it is incorrigible not to protect them and ensure they have happy safe lives.
Valerie	Apel	MO	We must show Animal abusers involved in Promoting Dog Fighting that they will go to Prison for a minimum of Five years! This is a good start. To help free millions of Dogs in this Cruel and Abusive act of Dog Fighting.
Constance	Almy	MA	PLEASE update with the toughest possible penalties. Thank you.

Diana	Thiede	MN
june	braun-leibowits	NY
Susan	Westbrook	NY

Please punish those that initiate and support animal fighting. It is a heart-breaking crime, and no animal should be subjected to this terrible way of life. Thank you.

Darcelle	Cowles	TX
maribel	perez	TX
Joseph	Scriffignano	NJ

— Please consider supporting to amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines. This teaches our children the importance of how treating animals affects our society as a whole and that even football players can do harm to animals and not all of them are role models. Please, we are their voice! Darcelle Cowles

Theresa	Tyler	OR
Shiree	Segerstrom	CA
Rochelle	Hunter	CA
Allegra	Fox	NJ
Lori	miller	NJ
Jennifer	Sellers	CA
Pam	scholl	CA
Nicole	Neal	FL

Abuse of any animal is a crime but when "man's best friend" is involved it becomes something more. Many of the animals used as 'bait' for fighting dogs are pets stolen from private parties who end up dying a horrible death or being abandoned to die when their 'usefulness' is at an end. Further, the fighting dogs themselves are abused or discarded when they won't fight or kill another dog. These people (and I use the term loosely) need to be fined, locked up, and NEVER allowed, EVER, to own another animal of any kind.

Please send the message that a civilized society does not support this barbarism.

We are a nation of Law & order, that makes us unique. It's such an irony that an animal, a dog, who is part of most American families, as a family member, who is loved and cared as such, is also mistreated to a point that no dog loving family can endure to watch, Dog Fighting, where some criminals satisfy their appetite of violence and illegal earnings of Gambling on Dog Fights. In many cases losing dogs are killed after a long suffering, during training and later in fights. These Criminals have no conscious whatsoever. They deserve the Maximum Punishment under the Law. I beg all the commissioners to please help save our loving pets' lives who end up in Wrong Hands, and punish the merciless culprits accordingly. Thank you:Yours Truly, M.Jilani

Mohammad	Jilani	FL
Nancy	Rittenhouse	FL
Barb	France	MD

J.I.	Farlow	NC	No civilized society should allow forced fighting of any living creature. It is a symptom of lack of empathy - a trait assigned to sociopaths - which includes serial killers who usually start their cruelty/killing of humans by killing and torturing animals first. It should not be tolerated in any civilized society on earth. When animals are abused, like being chained out side for 5 to sometimes 10 years or torn to pieces when used as bait, they need a voice to speak up. That is what I like to do, along with thousand of other concerned animal lovers. Please do your part as our representatives, to establish guide lines that require punishment to the full extent of law. Those that cause the suffering need to know they will be put away for 5 years if they do this, it won't be just a slap on the wrist.
Gary	Roy	FL	

Elaine S	Sonne	FL	Any person that condones or takes part in animal fighting would without hesitation hurt a human being. Animal Fighting is a deplorable crime and should be punished to the full extent of the law! Please refer to the 5 year prison sentence as prescribed by Congress in 2008!!! Elaine S Sonne
Sophie	Ernst	TX	Animal suffering should NOT EVER BE ALLOWED AS ENTERTAINMENT! Thank you.
Beverly	DePrender	MO	

Jean	Mathes	WI	Animal abuse is a heinous crime and, even worse, animal fighting makes sport of animal abuse. No one can really imagine the horrible conditions in which these animals are kept nor can they imagine the pain and suffering they endure before they are killed. The people engaged in these activities do so with great enthusiasm and with no regard for the law. They have no respect for thinking, feeling, sentient beings who have done nothing to deserve the misery heaped upon them. Humans are also put at risk by this criminal and deviant behavior. Please amend the animal fighting guidelines to reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years for participating in this crime. Failing to do so will not deter future offenders.
Mary Ann	Leitch	PA	Animal fighting has no place in a civilized society.
David	Daniel	MN	
Cyndee	Kott	MI	
Jennifer	Sellers	CA	

Linda	Steele	CA	There should be no animal fighting. Animals depend upon us to take care of them and provide the things they cannot provide for themselves. Animals help humans in so many ways. The people that promote dog fighting and provide themselves entertainment at the sacrifice and pain of the poor animal that only wants love and kindness from us. These individuals deserve the harshest punishment possible. All animal fighting should be stopped immediately and those involved arrested.
Evangeline	Soter	NC	
Hilary	McIndoo	FL	

Diana	Parker	LA	If you only see one animal who was mauled and in agony, you would be devastated and at a loss to comprehend that a human being deliberately caused that animal to be so savagely attacked . These precious animals have been put here for us to love and nurture. I have three wonderful cats who love and trust me. There is no terror in them when I come close to them. People who abuse and kill for sport need to be put in jail and rehabilitated to become caring human beings. Please protect these precious creatures from sick and cruel people like these by jailing them for a very long period and rehabbing them if possible. If not, then cause them to be locked up long enough to think twice about ever doing this hostile inhumane thing to animals ever again. How sad that so so many are still so brutally abused. They have no choice!! Please help.
Sandra	Carr	WA	

Briana	Williams	PA	As you know all to well, animal cruelty is a documented indicator of violent crimes and cruelty in general. You don't need to care just about animals. If you care about society, these criminals must be deterred.
livia	yanowicz	NY	Stop dog fighting and have stronger penalties for those who use these dogs!!!!!!
Gisele	McLoughlin	NY	
Jodi	Abell	CA	
jackie	Halstead	WV	STOP THIS ABUSE OF HELPLESS ANIMALS THEY NEED OUR HELP
Brad	Hendon	TX	Stop ALL animal abuse
Patricia	Donovan	TX	
Michael	Zagone	NM	
Suzanne	Malloni	OH	Animals look to us for protection. It says a lot about a society that respects animals and works to protect them. Please act on this important issue. As an animal advocate it hurts my heart that crimes like dog fighting and other animal abuse happens in the first place, therefore I encourage whatever penalties can be enacted, including not only maximum prison sentences, but also ruling that these criminals are banned from ever owning, living with, or interacting with animals again. Again, thank you very much for your consideration.
Chere	Reddersdorf	IN	
Deborah	Kanzler	NY	
lynn	batastini	AZ	
Donna	Ahr	TX	
Maya	Zickler-Horn	WA	
Dianne	Wilson	FL	Any person that abuses a animal deserves the maximum punishment and should no longer be able to have or own a animal!!
Sandra	Bigart	CA	
Michelke	Irvin	IN	
susan	horowitz	FL	
Andrea	Adans	CA	
Natalie	Hughes	PA	I believe that these inhumane people should be punished To the extant of the law and If the law is not severe enough Then change it They should do community service and hefty fine and be listed just like a sex offender
Patricia	Paisley	NV	
linda	moore	AZ	
Anna	Brewer	MI	

As we learn and grow as civilized people we become more aware of the violence perpetrated on those who cannot defend themselves. I support more stringent guidelines for sentencing to send a stronger message to those who inflict this abuse on the dogs who cannot speak for them selves.

Kathleen	Brockway	MN
Bartley	Deason	MT
Harriet	Shalat	NY
Maria	Gutierrez	MA

The	U. family	PA
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These are intelligent creatures who deserve to be treated with kindness!!!

Jo Ann	Lewis	MO
Michelle	Martinez	GA
Adrienne	Brown	NY
Stefon	Lira	NC

My son and I rescued a poor dog who has since become my precious home pet. My son and a co-worker found him on our manufacturing property early one morning at they were opening our business. His ear was half torn off, just barely hanging on and his tongue had been almost lacerated in half. He had deep bites all over his body. The vet said that if he hadn't been found and rushed for care, he would have bled to death within the hour. It was the vets belief that he was used as a bait dog to train fighting dogs. Dog fighting is just taken for granted in the area of far S.W. Oklahoma City. The only way to stop it is for bigger fines and longer jail time. The people that do this have no conscience and are cruel beyond belief. If they do this to poor helpless animals just imagine what they might do to poor helpless children or elderly people. Please help us with this horrific problem here in Oklahoma City.

Hilda	Lewis	OK
Itina	Warning	GA
Anthony	Lyons	OK
Cat	Collins	VT
Debbie	turrill	WV
Andrew	Angros	PA
Lori	Schmidt	NY
Faye	Timmer	NJ
elisa	larson	TX
Kelly	Swan	KY
Valerie	Queen	MD

Sandra	McGinley	CA	Humane treatment of animals is a measure of what we are as a society, and this crime should be discouraged. Please help. Thanks!
Bret	Burdulis	MA	
angela	beca	NM	dog fighters suck the big one and should get a giant big one up the ass. People involved in animal fighting are dangerous people with violent tendencies and a skewed perspective of right and wrong. They are not only a danger to the animals they abuse and torture but are also a danger to other people as well. The seriousness of the crime and the sentencing and penalties must be clear for all involved in this form of animal cruelty, from the dog "owners" to the spectators who provide financial support to this bloodsport.
Alisyn	Peters	OR	In my opinion the sentence for dog fighting is not tough enough and by giving harsh punishment may in fact slowly end this brutal and cruel act bringing it to an end. By doing so my also stop the drugs, guns and betting by attendees. Maybe this would be one way to become a better society. Thank you for your time. Mary Ann Stanislawsky The more we look the other way....the more we allow cruelty and vicious practices like animal fighting to be lightly punished, the more hardened and desensitized a population becomes toward all cruelty, animal and human. Please take action to punish these barbaric crimes now.
Kim	Wick	OR	
jenne	sindoni	MA	
Mary Ann	Stanislawsky	TN	
Kay	Jacobs	CA	Mandatory jail time, along with a huge fine would be a good start. The jail time should begin with a minimum of 5 years. This would make people think twice! Dog fighting has to stop. This cruel money making for some people is sick- brutal- merciless to many dogs. Dogs who fights for so long do not survive, many are put to death because they cannot fight anymore or they are to old and beaten and abuse... It is unthinkable to have this going in this Country. Punishment have to be harsh, so if someone does it he will know the "law" is there to put them in jail for a "long" time, pay heavy fines. Five years is not much for the suffering dogs are put thru. They cannot talk and act in their defense, it is us "human" to do the severe punishments. Thank you for reading this note.
Jo Ann	Lewis	MO	
Jan	Schneider	KS	
Maureen	Fatigato	FL	
N	BECK	AL	

			I HATE when I read about grown men (and a few women) who take pleasure in watching innocent dogs fight each other, sometimes to the death, and they take pleasure in killing the 'losing' dogs. This is no more than a money making deal that shows what kind of 'humans' these criminals really are. If they can do this horrible cruelty to dogs, then what's to stop them doing this to OTHER animals; and HUMAN BEINGS? They need to be STOPPED, fined and put in prison if possible until they learn there are MILLIONS of us who LOVE DOGS and all animals and who will stay vigilant until dog fighting is wiped off the map of our country.
Mary A	Leon	TX	
Brenda	Harrop	CA	
			The penalty should be ten times more sever!!! At least 20 years per pup. That doesn't even begin to make up for the life that fighting takes. I would like to have all of them sentenced to death. The same as they sentenced the dogs to. No Mercy!!!
eve	roberts	FL	
molly	parsons	TX	
			Please ensure that the strongest penalties allowable are enforced to deter unspeakable acts of cruelty towards animals that do not have a voice!
jennifer	anderson	TX	
Meri	Ervin	MA	
Pat	Rose	IL	
Amy	Standridge	AL	
			abusing animals leads to abusing humans but animals don't have a voice so we must speak up for them by making crimes against them punished in the same way as if it were a crime against a human
Tonya	Tovias	NV	
Autumn	Quinte	AZ	
Patricia	Hollingworth	TX	We must stop this senseless abuse.
Donna	Goodsite	FL	
			PLEASE take this issue seriously - it is becoming more rampant, and will only continue to do so as long as punishment is minimal. This type of brutality comes from a heartless, sadistic mindset - it is only a small step from harming animals to harming other humans.
Christin	Hall	NC	
Liza	Chevront	WV	
Bennie	Scott	TX	
Cindy	Blue	IL	
			All this cruelty towards animals must be stopped NOW! An eye for an eye should be implemented IMMEDIATELY.....WITH NO EXCEPTIONS!
Barbara	Mundie	MA	
L	Blue	AZ	

Cynthia Weiler CA
John Bice

hello, please not only consider the amendment but PASS IT.
How can the most civilized society continue to condone such barbaric slaughters of "Man's Best Friend?" Although the suggested five years would be an improvement, it may not deter the perpetrators who have unlimited funds to defend themselves. I plea for more prison time, as well seizures of any valuable assets-for such offenders. One only needs to understand the carnage and suffering these innocent Victims endure before a sacrificial death. I live in Kentucky where there are very few laws protect our animals. Dogs would fight to the death to protect us. Do we owe them less? "The greatness of a nation and it's moral progress can be judged by the way it's animals are treated." (Ghandi) What we allow is what will continue.

Cynthia Geary KY
Veronika Soul NY

I fully support a five year prison sentence for those found guilty of animal fighting. I also hope that these individual's names are put in a registry which would prevent them from ever owning another animal.

Andrea Peiffer MI
Belinda Thibodeaux LA
Olivia Chavez TX
Sam Butler CA
Melissa Smith IL
marilou jung CA

All dogs should be love all people.

Sharon Elliott MI

This is truly heartbreaking that this wonderful dogs live this kind of life and the people that do this to them get off so lightly Horrible--forcing innocent animals to fight. What does this say about the human beings involved? Sadistic monsters who take out their feelings of inadequacy on animals

donna przybylowicz CA
Jason Steadmon NV

Deliberate cruelty is unforgivable. And needs to be punished severely. People who abuse animals rarely restrict their lawlessness to them only.

Joan Winchester VA
Christine Carollo-Zeuner WI
Carol VanDeVeire IL
Olivia Chavez TX
Pam Purvis RI

Paige	Arnold	TN	Please do all that you can to make sure much harsher penalties, fines, and MOST IMPORTANTLY, jail time is applied to ANYONE who abuses, neglects or harms an animal. It's WRONG and it's PAST TIME that we put an end to it!
Virginia	Bruton	FL	
Anna	Munoz Lopez	CA	
christina	Olmsted d	PA	
Gabriela	Almeida	NJ	Dog fighting is not humane and it should be treated as a crime. Animals can't advocate for themselves and they do not deserve to be treated that way. Use your power to make changes in the live of these victims This is e serious crime, that deserve serious punishment! How lazy for a human to fight/treat man's best friend soo inhumane for their profit!! Please put a stop to this horrible, horrible crime!!!
Elaine	Saenz	AZ	People need to be held responsible for acts of cruelty to animals. People who hold the dog fights and the spectators alike need to be punished.
Kay	Reinfried	PA	
Melissa	Ruel	PA	Just for the simple fact it's so cruel to have these dogs fight against each other. It would be one thing if they could talk and tell you this is what they wanted like some people are doing in cages or whatever, but these dogs did not ask for this. They are bred just to fight and that makes me ill! Please,please don't let this go with a slap on the wrist. STOP all animal fighting!
Mark	Duhaime	CT	
Jennifer	Kimery	CA	
Autumn	Quinte	AZ	
Cynthia	Geary	KY	
Barbara	Humphrey	VA	-
Andrea	Buzyn	NY	
Pam	Purvis	RI	
Christin	Hall	NC	

Dear Sirs, If you don't believe that dog fighting is one of the most heinous crimes there is - I implore you to attend a dog fight. The dogs which are in training, are starved, harassed, beat, carry heavy weights around their necks and then shown a bloody smaller animal that has been somehow injured so that the dog in training can actually get it and tear it apart. The animals used in training can range from kittens to dogs, pigs, etc. often times w/ their mouths taped shut so as not to injure the actual fighting dog. They then are enclosed in a small ring usually made with closet doors because they are easy to store and flip around (so if there is a raid they wont see the blood on the doors) and proceed to tear each other literally apart. The dogs that lose are often strangled, beat, or tossed off the road somewhere to die from their injuries. Because no dog fighter wants a loser. Along with dog fighting comes other types of crimes, gambling - sometimes thousands of dollars, drugs - meth, cocaine, heroine, and many other illicit drugs, firearms - of all types, in case they have to shoot one of the dogs or each other, if there is a dispute. DOG FIGHTING brings out the most reviled of society, all of the things that a normal society does not want in their lives. Do what is right by your constituents that voted you into office and keep these scumbags out of our country. Stronger penalties are needed as a show of force that we as a country will not put up with this behavior.

tara thomas ID

Animals fighting is a crucial problem in some areas of the country. Animals such as Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, etc. are being stereotyped as being "dangerous" dogs. If many people have not realized animals can be like humans. If you raise a child aggressively, hitting them all the time, and showing no love they are obviously vowing to grow into a horrible being. Same with animals. So we need to focus more on dog fights to try and put them to a stop. These animals deserve a chance to live a happy life not a life of pain and death.

Maria Duque FL
sandra weissman FL
Line Ringgaard IN

Man has been abusing animals for too long. Haven't we evolved from our caveman era to respect all living things? Abusing innocent animals is so wrong and so cowardly. Put these sickos in prison and throw away the key.

Pamela Wood MN

These are horrific acts of violence that have no place in our society. We build prisons for a reason -for heartless people like this. These dogs need all the help and support they can get.

Linda Bescrypt AZ

katrina	Odermatt	NC	Please stop this dog fighting
Mary	wisniewski	IL	Dog-fighters are heartless bullies. The only way to stop them is to make them fear the consequences. Sentencing guidelines must be as strong as possible!!!!
Anne	Worden	OR	
gregory	freiwald	MI	I ask that you would amend the animal fighting sentencing to reflect the seriousness of the crime. Animal fighting is barbaric and has not place in our society. Everyone involved should face a maximum sentence automatically and never be able to own another animal in their lifetime.
Virginia	Martin	AK	Just for the simple fact it's so cruel to have these dogs fight against each other. It would be one thing if they could talk and tell you this is what they wanted like some people are doing in cages or whatever, but these dogs did not ask for this. They are bred just to fight and that makes me ill! Please,please don't let this go with a slap on the wrist. STOP all animal fighting!
Barbara	Humphrey	VA	
Jane	Rudner	FL	—
Kelli	Reynolds	NM	Only the lowest scum could participate in dog fighting. These useless people need to be punished severely!!!
Victor	Castillo	IL	
Grace	Vendemio	NY	I volunteer with Sean Casey Animal Rescue and have seen the results of some of these fights. Need I say more!! People who fight dogs should be put in an enclosure with the dogs until they are dead. Since I know this won't happen, I'll settle for life without the possibility of parole. Michael Vick should still be in jail and not the NFL
Janice	Haynes	OR	
Lynette	Brimble	TX	Please take the time to consider the importance of this amendment. As many Americans are loving pet owners, I feel comfortable stating on behalf of many that the few that engage in animal cruelty such as animal fighting should be penalized to the maximum of the law, and your voice is important in making that happen. Very sincerely, Lynette Brimble
Shirley	Larue	PA	Please do all you can to end this awful cruelty. No animal should have to fight for the entertainment of humans and a stiff punishment should be given to anyone who makes animals suffer and fight!
Donna	McAteer	FL	
molly	parsons	TX	
Mary	wisniewski	IL	

Christine	Trout	CA	Animal fighters know perfectly well what they are getting into illegally and immorally, while the animals are forced to viciously fend for their lives. These people should be held unmistakably accountable to the fullest extent for their selfish and callous actions.
Lucie	Laberge	NC	
Berenice	Hernandez	GA	
Tanya	Salof	CA	This crime needs to be a felony in all fifty states and far harsher punishments for all involved in this vile act.
Pat	Rose	IL	
Victor	Castillo	IL	
Carol	VanDeVeire	IL	
Bennie	Scott	TX	Please consider. thanks.
Teresa	Burks	GA	
Sylvia	Abramson	NY	
Jennifer	Sabbato	AZ	
Jaqueline	Hoang	GA	I have owned numerous Pit Bulls and they have all been the most loving and affectionate animals. ANY dog can be taught how to be mean, but that makes it the owner's fault, not the breed's! Please help to make the punishment for this crime as severe as possible. Please do not allow any quarter for those guilty of such abuse.
Matthew	Neumann	IL	
Cynthia	Pickering	VA	Stiffer penalties will help break up the dogfighting rings and help to eliminate these crimes.
jailene	pimentel	NY	
Chris	Byknish	OH	Forcing animals to fight each other is cowardly & causes stress / pain & even death to these animals - These people have also been shown to be psychopaths who go on to hurt / kill other humans - The penalty needs to be changed to reflect the seriousness of the crime - PLEASE make it years in jail - a large monetary fine and community service (with animals possibly supervised) - This goes for anyone associated with this cruel sport, including the viewers paying & betting on the outcome
Kelly	Havlicek	IL	
Consuelo	Torres	OK	
Debbie	Jennison	MA	
KATHLEEN	MICHAELS	MN	
			Please stop animal cruelty and stop dog fighting.

			Dog fighting is extremely violent and is such a barbaric act. It is proven that people who fight their dogs also practice other crimes such as drug dealing, gun violence, etc. Dogs are living beings, as humans are and can hurt emotionally and physically as we do. These people need to pay for their crime. Why allow this violence to go on and allow them to get away with it only to repeat the act again? It's disgusting! Please help these poor, innocent, lovable animals!
Stephanie	Strobel	CA	
William	Kuc	NC	—
Frank	Ward	AZ	
			Please help the voiceless have a voice against those who perpetrate these heinous crimes.
Claire	Neville	WA	
Darla	Lamoreaux	TN	
Deborah	Dufault	OH	
			This behavior needs to be addressed as the same for a human life.. One that could harm an innocent animal has the potential to hurt a human
Ronda	Stone	OH	
Karen	Kawszan	TX	
J	Knop	IL	
Agnes	Miko	NY	
Laura	bartman	KS	
			Please update the guide lines. My pet was being raised as a 'bait dog' when she escaped. YOU can do something about this ! Thank you for your time and consideration..
Kitty	Hopper	IL	
Angie	Sieb	IN	
			Please consider the Animal Fighting issue as there is NO Downside!
Larry	Peteet	TX	
Judith	Salerno	MA	
			Animal fighting is a cruel, barbaric practice and the punishment should reflect that.
Michelle	Mariscal	CA	
donna	smith	LA	Please do something before 2016!!!
			While I think everyone agrees that the punishment for animal fighting should be severe, I'm not sure how many people are aware when it is not carried out. I was personally disgusted that Michael Vick was not punished more severely and was let back into the NFL. I plead with you not to let anyone else get away with such a horrific crime so easily. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Christina McMurtry
Christina	McMurtry	TX	
Alison	Kerber	NC	
Patrick	Dwyer	NY	
Monica	Levine	NY	

Suzanne Crane TX
Cindy Johns MN

jukie foster IL

kaye abramson OK

Trisha Olson IA

Rebecca May GA

Diane London CA

Cecilia Caiano Correia NJ

Sandra Brown TX

Inga Agrest SC

peter nourse FL

Carol Cavanaugh OR

June Curley MA

Darla Lamoreaux TN

Barbara Buell MI

Ruth Rich NY

Marilyn Alessandra NY

Kym Waugh CO

Ed Soper NY

Ellen Samson NY

marilyn evenson WA

Penelope Dart MD

Holly Knight OH

Jill Caldwell CO

I'm stating the obvious here but people who engage in this behavior are undoubtedly breaking other laws, be it child abuse, domestic abuse, drugs, theft, and on and on. These people deserve stiff sentencing.
This is a serious crime against animals and should be dealt with appropriately - years of lock-up time.
Please give a stiffer penalty for animal fighting. This is a cruel way to treat animals.
people fight them because to see how weak they can defend there lives. they should pay for what they do to these animals. animals have a right to be safe from people that fight them it should be a law.

Please help these innocent victims that can't ask for themselves.

Not sentencing these criminals is a crime. Please provide jail time to help change the attitude toward animal cruelty or at least deter it through fear of incarceration.

Animal abuse of all types should result in harsh penalties. I support stricter laws for dog fighting and other animal abuse.

All animal cruelty Must be Abolished.

Dear Sirs, Stronger laws are needed to protect innocent animals, who are exploited by criminals for their own gain, in the brutal activity of dog fighting. Please implement the maximum prison sentence called for by congress in 2008.

Sincerely, Ellen Samson
This is important legislation to help animals from being forced into a brutal "sport"

Ellen	Samson	NY	Please support this recommendation so that these animals are not forced into fighting and dying for some barbaric few who are no doubt cruel and do not value these poor, helpless animals. Stop this with tougher sentences for these criminals who abuse these animals.
Terry	Manning	VA	
VANESSA	SEAY	OH	PLEASE AMEND TO MAX SENTENCE
Kelly	Vermace	MD	
jailene	pimentel	NY	
Marlena	Butler	MN	
Barbara	Brodsky	CA	
Debra	Ellsworth	WI	Please help!! Please act to sentence these bad people to the maximum allowable punishment. It will send a message that we care not only about the animals but about the reflection their behavior has on society as a whole. Help show that we are a humane people and take seriously God's command to us to nurture his Creation.
Hazel	Gerber	GA	
judy	embrey	CA	I cannot print my comments, throw the 2 legged ones I a pit and let them kill themselves I have volunteered in dog rescue for years and I can personally tell you that we MUST get tougher on those who buy, breed, train, watch for entertainment, etc dogs for fighting. There is no other way to stop them than to hit them hard hard hard!!! These are heartless people who do not see the preciousness of these animals. Please, you cannot get tough enough.
Mary	Buttry	OK	
Judy	Lan	MA	I am a volunteer at my local animal shelter in Buffalo, New York. We have a very active underground dog fighting population in our City. Two of my own dogs were taken from such situations and the love they have shown me and the love I have for them has made me a fierce advocate for the bully breeds. There are countless raids that occur in our City and the dogs taken often end up at our Shelter. The horrific physical conditions they are in are appalling, but their propensity for love and forgiveness is unmatched. They deserve better protection under the law.
Jennifer	Ward	NY	Please I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. We have to be the voice for animals, they deserve our fair treatment and consideration, they have feelings too.
Julia	Tschritter	WA	

Thereses	Shirey	PA	The innocent victims of this horrific crime have suffered long enough at the hands of their perpetrators. We need stronger laws to stop and deter these criminals from this practice and punish them for this crime of dog fighting. STOP THE CRUELTY. DOGS ARE INNOCENT AND BLAMELESS AND SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO BRUTALITY FOR THE SAKE OF "SPORT". ANYONE WHO PROMOTES DOG FIGHTING MUST GO TO JAIL FOR A LONG TIME. IT IS A VICIOUS AND HORRIBLE PRACTICE FOISTED UPON INNOCENT ANIMALS. STOP THE CRUELTY !!!!
Robert M J Trigg	Reed Pimentel Wright III	VA CA TX	
Frances	Gulash	FL	I believe every animal should have the protection from humans to stay out of the hands of criminal activity. Please vote to make the punishment more severe for anyone harming any type of helpless animal. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I volunteer for an animal shelter. Many visitors still are not aware of the heinous nature of dog fighting. They stare blankly with no signs of understanding, and that is what scares me the most. Ignorance is the enemy. Jean M. Abrams 7313 Whitacre Rd. Madison, WI 53717
Jean	Abrams	WI	Please make 5 years a mimimum when sentencing someone for dog fighting. The animals have no choice and only our voice for their lives.
Marie	Peloquin	RI	This is a cruel and exploitive "sport". Who in their right mind wants to see animals fight to the death? The sentencing for dog or cock fighting people should be raised to the highest level. Would you want to see your child fight until he/she is dead?
Jane	Caminis	NY	Jane Caminis I cry and cringe at the thought of any type of abuse and brutality on an animal. Then I curse at those who inflict the abuse and brutality. Commissioners, on behalf of all animals who cannot fight their offenders, please consider an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. Thank you.
Dorothy Deborah	Gatmen Spencer	CA MA	
Stephanie	Mezzanatto	CA	Please recognize that animals are living creatures with feelings, thoughts and they should have rights. As the higher specie, we should we expected to treat other species with respect and care. When someone fails to do that, they should receive a harsh punishment. They should not get a few days in jail or a few hundred dollars in fines. Please have compassion for innocent animals and have the punishment reflect the crime. Thank you.

John	Beager	IL
Georgina	Ramos	CA
wanda	louise	CA

Commissioners: These guidelines should be the toughest possible. The people who are involved in this insidious industry need to get a wake-up call that animal fighting is totally unacceptable and their participation comes with severe consequences for THEM! PLEASE VOTE TO MAKE THE GUIDELINES ST THE MAXIMUM LEVEL.

Patty	DeYoung	FL
Laura	Hansen	FL
Desiree	Glinden	OR

Save these poor creatures.

Camile	Getter	CA
Todor	Sapundzhiev	IL
Kris	Mire	LA

I did t get to finish - the only people who soul do this kind of an act, in my mind is a monster. Something really should be done.

Nathan	Meyer	IL
Robert	Fladger	OR
Laura	Mason	TX
Yeiza	Carreras	FL

it would be appreciated if this disgusting issue were addressed with the severity and passion it deserves. Just because it doesn't involve a human victim does not mean that it is any less heinous of a crime.

Kate	Mackey	CA
Anne	Loretto	NY
CINDY	BROWN	WY

Please update the guidelines to help our companion animals.

Francie	Zannotti	CT
Donna	Wachter	NY
Maureen	Reilling	NY
yaribeth	arroyo	FL

No animal deserves to be purposely and cruelly injured or killed in this illegal, evil & horrid, so-called sport. My family & I would like to see this activity stopped. No one has the right to hurt an innocent animal or human. Only sick and deranged people get enjoyment out of it and should be locked up for a long time. If they are a danger to animals, they are a danger to children, the elderly and others, and they are most likely involved in other criminal activity. Communication will be the key. Detectives going undercover and finding out where dog fighting is taking place will be important in order to stop this.

This is a serious crime . . . and should be treated as such . .

			The maximum sentence guideline of 5 years should be a minimum sentence guideline. 5 years is just not enough for this depraved activity. This type of activity should not be tolerated in a humane society.
Sonja	Overeem	MD	
Robert	Molino	VA	
sharon	simpson	OK	
			Money grubbing dog fighters must be stopped and put behind bars where these monsters belong and end the killing and abuse of these poor dogs .
Jackie M	Pringle	NV	
C E	Moore	PA	
Bonita	Black	OR	
Stephanie	Mezzanatto	CA	
Nilsa	Soper	NY	
			The suffering that occurs at the hands of these evil people is unimaginable. I want to see these criminals prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Thank you for your consideration of this very important and critical issue.
Lisa	Brinton	CA	We need tougher sentencing for such a heinous crime as dog fighting. Please recognize the serious nature of this horrific crime.
Jacqueline	Shultz	PA	
Susie	Houk	NC	
			I love ALL animals. I could go on and on about what these lowlife p.o.s.'s should get for animal abuse, cruelty, and on and on - to make money - because they're too lazy to make a living themselves. I'd like to ask you a question....what would their punishment be if it were their own kids, spouses, relatives, etc.- or, stolen/abducted/kid- napped human beings? Please, think about that! THERE IS NO CHANGING THESE PEOPLE.....YOU KNOW IT AND I KNOW IT! Thank you. Mike Petrie
Mike	Petrie	FL	
Shelley	Kreidel	NJ	
			I think dog fighter should be sentence to life in prison for what they do to these poor animals. The way the train them to fight instead of letting them grow up and finding love in a happy home.. I myself have a pitbull that was placed in a shelter never knowing what a loving home was til i got her. I've had her now for 4 years and she is so happy, loves car rides, taking walks with me going to the park.. I wish the instead of putting down these animals for what the owers have done please try to find a way to retrain them so they can go to loving home. Just like the show Pit Bulls and Parolees..
Staci	Turnbaugh	IL	
Jill	Shortreed	MN	
Shannon	Meadows	IL	

Maureen	Edwards	UT
Karen	Suit	WV
Carol	Collin	CA
Joan	Hoffman	OH
Barbara	Brodsky	CA

Our laws must get tougher on these people who would hurt an innocent animal These poor dogs have no recourse. We must be their voice. Thank you.

Anne	Merced	FL
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The despicable actions of the dog fighting rings and the monsters that follow and encourage this activity are known to All animal owners and lovers. It is totally unbelievable that Federal Judges can possibly claim an " unfamiliarity " with these activities maybe more people in the justice system should join ASPCA and HUMANE SOCIETY of the USA . Please ask no, tell them to Stand up for the tormented animals. Thank you Have mercy & pass a law to criminalize anyone who entertains or uses dogs to fight. These animals are innocent & should be set free from their abusers.

Ruth	Morgan-Bieber	CA
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Dina	Carella	NJ
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Dog fighting is the worst form of animal cruelty. Offender should be prosecuted to the maximum, fined the maximum and placed on a registry for the rest of their life.

Jim	Greer	KY
Rose	Gennusa	TX
A,fred	Montgomery	GA

Minimum 5 years with no possibility of parole. Automatic enrollment in a prison program to train assistance dogs. Parolees should have to spend a portion of their time cleaning out cages at an animal shelter.

Elizabeth	Sink	NC
April	Jackson	NC
DANIEL	MEIER	WI

The fact that persons such as Michael Vick are permitted to resume their careers and lifestyles after their horrific choices to brutalized animals is appalling. 5 years is not enough but it is a start. A requirement for restitution is also appropriate. Please incorporate this amendmant into the guidelines. Thank you.

Debbir	Lohr	GA
wendy	fears	CA
Pauline	O'Donnell	CO

Rhonda	Johnson	VA
Laura	Mason	TX
Rich	Taylor	TX
judy	mackowski	FL

Frankly, I don't think 5 years is enough. Where is the enforcement????

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Alison Kerber NC
Carol Del Aguila CA

rita rothenberg TX
Stacie Kelly RI

Monica Levine NY

Helen salem FL

Mary Metzler NC
Jolayne Justice OR
Janet Shar[TX
Marsha Smith TN
Bonita Black OR
Jacqueline Shultz PA

Dorothy howe TX
Patricia Warren IL
m richardson MI

Donna Strobel CA

Cari Lyttle CA

any kind of animal fighting should carry harsh punishment with it. Animals are not ment to be forced to fight.

There should also be restitution to be paid to the organizations that generously rescue, supply medical treatment and nourishment to these horribly abused animals. These people should get the maximum sentence. Animals haave feelings and feel pain and rejection too. If they don't like animals-just leave them alone. Even 5 years isn't really enough for the monsters who fight dogs. It has been proven that those who abuse animals are much more likely to abuse people and dog fighting is abuse without a doubt.

Please speak out for the innocent animals that are pitted against each other. They can't speak for themselves. It's about time that it stop

Over the years, thousands of innocent dogs and puppies have suffered brutal, horrendous abuse by the hand of their dog fighting owners. How can we as a civilized society sit idly by and allow this atrocious treatment of these loving, trusting animals to continue. When all is said and done, it's the dog that gets punished over and over again with the laws as they are written. Society blames the breed of dog instead of the owners who train them to be vicious in order to survive. Rather than continuing to punish this beautiful dog, we need to make the punishment of these dog killers stronger so we can eradicate dog fighting altogether. Please reform the guidelines for punishing these heartless people that enjoy watching a scared dog fight to the death.

Please use your power to make sure these cruel crimes are sentenced in a fair way.

			Dear Commissioners, It is amazing that we still have dog fighting in our country. Dogs are man's best friends. Fighting dogs were trained to fight for human's profit, not because they wanted to. Please do your best to to stop this brutality as much as you can. Thank you so much, Sincerely Maria
Maria	Duffield	FL	
Sandra	Bigart	CA	
BARBARA	WORNUM	CA	
Cindy	Johns	MN	
			5 years in prison is not enough for the criminals who abuse innocent animals. It is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.
Steven	McEwan	TX	
Maureen	Reilling	NY	
			Please use your power to update these guidelines to properly punish people who participate in such a brutal act as animal fighting. Thank you. Mary Hodur Dog Owner, voter
Mary	Hodur	IL	
Mary	Hodur	IL	
			Please consider increasing the punishment for the crime of dog fighting. If there is not a strong deterrent for the it, it will continue to happen. We love our dogs, and this behavior has to stop. Thank you.
Christine	Hurley	NY	
roni	unger	NY	
			Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue. Andrew Weprin
Andrew	Weprin	NY	
Maria	Blair	PA	
Enrique	Rodriguez-Mateu	FL	
			Animal particularly dog fighting should carry a felony sentencing of at least 10 years without parole. People with no compassion for animals will have no compassion for people as well, so putting them into a prison to be rehabilitated is the answer.
Leonard	Settle	NC	
Maria	Protis	WA	
Sharon	Holland	SC	
Teresa	McMahon	OH	
			personly think people who are involved in dog fighting should be put to death the same way they murder the dogs!
joseph	millar	SC	

Ruth	Morgan-Bieber	CA
Angie	Sieb	IN

This practice is beyond obscene. Anyone found guilty of organizing, betting, training animals or in any way facilitate these cruelties should be penalized as if these animals were human. The law describes animals as property and the penalties for animal abuse are a joke. We are the guardians of this earth and it is truly sad that we defend these animals. I believe instead of persecuting the breed we should be sending a message to those that raise them and teach them to fight that there will be serious consequence.

deborah	DPiazza	NY
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chuck	macmillan	IL
lisa	tamborello	CT
Sue	Murray	OH
Starla	Morgan	AR
Susie	Houk	NC
Janine	Williams	OR
wanda	louise	CA

I urge each of you, the governing people, to acknowledge and press the standards of animal cruelty its long overdue upgrades. I am an avid believer that animals are not represented as they so deserve to be from current laws. Penalties must be dire and wholly enforced. Please make it so difficult to have those persons wish they would or will ever use our docile, people pleasing, and worthy creatures for sick enjoyment and profit. If someone could harm an animal, they have zero value for anything or anyone, period!! Let the punishment fit the crimes; cage them like they cage and take the freedom of being happy away from defenseless God-given creatures as they are. Sentence them hard, long, and without mercy. It's easy-just do it!!!

edie	barber	TX
mary ann	mollenkamp	CA
Sean	Evans	NJ

I have been on the front lines of animal rescue for many years, and if you had seen what I have, you would not hesitate to "throw the book at fighters."

Jackie	Stewart	AL
Deborah	Shea	FL

Kelly	Melius	NY
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I urge you to please consider take animal fighting more seriously and update the guidelines to clearly reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years. These poor animals are victims of unspeakable cruelty and are praying for someone to speak up for them. Please be their voice and their hero.

Priscilla Guerra CA

People have a choice if they want to fight or not. Animals don't. They are forced to in order survive. What would you do if you had a child and he was being forced to fight to survive? Would ban this type of thing. What kind of kickback do you get for allowing something like this to happen. These people should be sentenced just as much if it was a child being harmed. Give voice to the innocent animals who can't speak for themselves. Dog fighting is barbaric and cruel..... The people involved in this sick practice are usually gambling and doing many other illegal activities, at the exspence of these poor dogs, not to mention the poor animals that they steal or dog nap for the purpose of training..... These jerks really deserve more than 5 years in prison, they should get at least 10 years in my eyes..... It's so sick.....

Sharon Beeley MA

DANIEL MEIER WI

Unfortunately, this barbaric practice still exists in the United States, although the vast majority of Americans view its human traffickers with disgust and anger, and its canine victims with pity. It seems that one of the only ways to further reduce animal fighting in this country is to ensure that its practitioners - whether they organize the fights, supply animals for the fights, or participate in any way, including as audience members - face the severest possible penalties to provide more of a deterrent. That is why so many of us support amending the animal fighting guidelines to provide more stringent minimum punishment for this and other instances of cruelty to animals: longer prison sentences and much higher fines - enough to equal the brutality of their crimes to living creatures. we need to do what we can to eliminate dog fighting in this country. No dog deserves to be bred to live an existence full of agony and pain. You have an opportunity to change how people who force dogs to engage in this activity are held accountable. You have an opportunity to seek justice where there currently is none. Aside from the dogs who fight think about the bait dogs. They are helpless. All the dogs are helpless who live this life. Do something to hold people accountable for their actions. No animal should be abused. No animal should be forced to fight. No one should make a profit off of this detestable act.

Maev Hewitt NY

LeAnn Akins CA

Michelle Pratt MD

Elise Kelsheimer AZ

ZZ	Shake	CA	I hope one day we can abolish animal abuse of any kind. I appreciate the ASPCA's actions against this unspeakable crime.
Laurie	Smith	OH	
			Dog fighting is a brutal existence for the poor dogs involved, whether they are the fighters or the bait dogs. did you know that dog fighters actually get submissive dogs for their fighters to tear apart as practice for an event?! These are animals that are stolen from yards, or adopted from shelters- someone's pet!!What a horrifying existence. And the dogs bred for fighting are not much better off: they live life on a chain, are beaten regularly to make they tougher, are kept from animal and human companionship, live their lives in fear. The people who run these fights have no concern for the wellbeing of these creatures, and can't even regard them as living, feeling, beings who know pain, fear, and deserve to know love. These people have no compassion or empathy and see the animals as a means to make money. They need to be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and that is still not enough. These are scary, cruel, heartless people who need to pay severely for the pain they cause. Please do all you can to assure they are punished as harshly as possible. thank you.
andrea	dezendorf	CO	
Patrick	Dwyer	NY	There is no room for such barbaric practices of our beloved dogs. Only stiffer penalties can curb these criminals!
Luci	Fowler	FL	Personally, I think that everyone involved in animal fighting, including spectators, should be eliminated from the gene pool.
Theresa	Molesky	PA	
joan	carr	PA	
Jonathan	Boyne	HI	
			Animal fighting is a crime of violence and incredible cruelty. It needs to be treated as a violent crime. Research shows that animals abusers frequently also abuse humans. This is NOT a victimless crime.
Lynne	Johnson	CO	
O.	Ruiz	NJ	
			We need to make a statement that animal cruelty will NOT be accepted in our society - if the laws and punishment were stricter, animals would stand a much better chance at not being subjected to any type of torture from humans - please make the punishment fit the crime.
Tammy	Pope	WI	
Janine	Williams	OR	

			As long as there are people that simply do not care, or use the pain and suffering of helpless animals for their sick entertainment, we must be their voice, we must stand up for them, we must be the advocate for those who have no voice, and are helpless to defend themselves.
Sherry	Vest	AL	
Sandra	Bigart	CA	No animal should be bred to fight for any reason!
nocona	stingley	TX	
Alexander	Antelo	FL	
Maria	Blair	PA	
Bueford	Clark	IL	It time to stop animal fighting!! Animal fighting is awful and depraved. Studies show it often leads to crimes against humans. Act now and make penalties more severe.
Mary	Duren	OK	
William	Cope	TN	This practice is beyond obscene. Anyone found guilty of organizing, betting, training animals or in any way facilitate these cruelties should be penalized as if these animals were human. The law describes animals as property and the penalties for animal abuse are are a joke. We are the guardians of this earth and it is truly sad the way we defend these animals.
deborah	DPiazza	NY	THEY SHOULD ALL GET THE MAXIMUM PRISON SENTENCE IF FOUND GUILTY. OTHERWISE IT'S A PUNISHMENT THEY ARE NOT AFRAID OF AND THEREFORE NOT A DETERENT.
William	Kuc	NC	As I'm sure you are now aware, animal fighting is a horrible crime and those convicted of it do not receive sufficient punishment for it after one considers what they take from the animals involved. And the cruelty is not limited to the confines of the ring. As you know, the abuse and torment begin long before a fighting dog sees the ring. The training process involves depravation, physical and psychological "shaping" as well as dogs tearing apart dogs and other animals. The humans involved in training the dogs as well as those who watch and bet on the "contests" are vile, despicable people and deserve a serious wakeup call -- not a slap on the wrist -- for the terror, pain, and death they inflict on the creatures left in their charge. And for those who would bring a minor to such a display and/or knowingly or unknowingly allow a minor to witness either the training or the fighting, or who would knowingly or unknowingly describe those aspects for the hearing or overhearing of a minor, well that deserves its own very special punishment, up to and including the removal of that minor from the household if a parent were involved.
Ken	Billehus	AZ	

Jodi Florentine VA
george lynne CA

Dogfighting is barbaric and inhumane, these poor dogs suffer and only want to love and be loved, if you've never owned a pit bull then you have no clue what they are like as family members

Mary Woerner NJ
Mayra Fernandez FL
Jean Bender VA
Bonnie Schwarz IL

Please do the right thing to stop these senseless, cruel, mean spirited acts. All animals deserve to be treated with love and respect.

Laura Hansen FL
Delores Krieger NY

Please stop animal fighting, it's abusive. How would you like it if you were a fighter and had to fend for yourself.

Sierra Wilder OR
Sonia Smith CA
Joan Winchester VA
Anna Shaughnessy OH

Lisa meddaugh WI

This needs to stop. Can't do this to humans should be strong punishment for this too
Animals should not be raised to fight, this is a human act of entertainment using a living creature. Most dogs, if not killed, are severely injured and maimed. Dogs that are bred to fight are kept in deplorable conditions. Our laws need to discourage this human activity if it means longer prison sentences. Please help save animals from this barbaric activity and punish those who do this.

Louise Hill CA

I am a Pitbull owner and my animals are such beautiful and wonderful pets. No animal, no matter what type or breed should ever be abused. I completely believe that the punishment should fit the crime.

Cori Armstrong CO
vanessa day NY
Tracy Kalesnik PA
Jim Greer KY
Rich Taylor TX
Samantha Siler OH
Jennifer Bellano PA
priscilla mezrahi NY

Kimberly	Muilenburg	IA	I am a animal lover and I don't like it when they are being treated like they don't have feelings I wish I could help safe the lives of the pit bull and make their name better cause they are not a mean breed they are one of the most loyal dogs there is
Alison	Stankrauff	IN	
Paige	Arnold	TN	
Kate	Simpson	PA	The torture and murder of dogs for profit has no place in a civilized society. We are counting on you to amend the animal fighting guidelines to ensure that criminals receive the maximum sentence allowable for their illegal dog fighting activities and horrific abuse of dogs.
Cynthia	Echevarria	TX	I urge you to please pass the amendment with the hopes that if people know there is a stiff penalty for dog fighting, they won't do it and spare many innocent dogs a horrific life. Thank you.
tara	wheeler	VA	
Christine	Cummer	MA	
Jeannine	Bloss	KS	
Bob	Boudreau	MA	
Ross	Hirschman	NY	
chuck	macmillan	IL	
Tamyra	Mouginis	OH	
Yashoda	Jordan	CA	
Jacqueline	Bobnick	PA	
Teresa	Alampi	AL	Those that hurt innocent animals and others that can't defend themselves are cowards and need to receive appropriate punishment! We must continue to speak for those that have no voice! The cruelest and most dangerous beings on earth-- HUMANS!
Georgina	Ramos	CA	It is alarming to know all the cases are happening in our communities. I have dogs and they make my day and life happy and happier! As all of us know, they are harmless and unable to defend in cases of abuse and mistreatment, please help all of us to protect them! We need safe communities and those people who make a living out of innocent animals must be aware that it is a crime and all of us reject those barbaric actions! Thanks so much! I hope the best for our loved furry friends/family!
Wendy	Adler	NM	
Mayra	Fernandez	FL	
Sandra	Costa	NY	

Theresa	Vander Horn	CA	We need to move the country away from barbarism and take a stand for civility.
Liza	Chevront	WV	
Anna	Munoz Lopez	CA	
Michael	Slattery	RI	It is completely outrages that these people are getting away with making money off the death of innocent animals. We need much more strict sentencing in these cases. I would appreciate it very much if you would consider supporting the maximum penalty required to punish those guilty of these horrific crimes by passing this amendment. By doing this, animals such as dogs would be more protected and justice would be served for them. Thank you for your time and attention at addressing this issue.
Seamus	Cunningham	NY	
Sharon	Finberg	FL	It troubles me to see that we refuse to crack down on animal cruelty even when it would be so easy. Sometimes a refusal to act can be a tacit approval of reprehensible conduct. As a society we should be doing everything we can to condemn cruelty rather than seemingly condoning it. We need to be sending a strong message that animal fighting as well as other forms of animal abuse is a serious crime.
Margaret G	Tyler, Ph.D.	MO	
Maryanne	Baffi	VA	Dog fighting is a super, awful and serious crime and has to be cracked down on asap. Too many sick people get away with the involvement they have in promoting this death trap and it has to stop and sentencing has to get tougher by the day. The poor animals trapped in this fight battle cannot protect themselves - it is up to ALL of us to to be aware and report it immediately and get the U.S. Sentencing Commission to prosecute to the fully and the worse way after what those dogs go through!!
Jacelyn	Yonkees	WY	
Winona	Shearer	PA	
Dona	Hinds	CA	
Anna	McWilliams	MD	Stop this awful behavior. It's atrocious. Animals are innocent and provide so much happiness to so many people.
Khande	Hauser	NE	I wish the people who commit these horrible crimes would get more time than 5 years!! Along with huge fines!! And NO time off for good behavior!! Save the innocent dogs/animals!
Peggy	Loveless	OR	
pamela k	douglas	CA	
Susan	McLaughlin	CA	
Brittany	Anthony	DE	

John Pepper	Falk Hall	NY CA	—
Tani Linda Veronika Grace	Bymark Migliore Soul Koson	MN LA NY IL	The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated. - Mohandas Gandhi
Donna	Pless	NC	Please get the maximum sentencing information to every person who has the job of sentencing criminals. Dog fighting is horrific. People who participate in the cruelty belong behind bars!!! And five years is not even long enough. They are murderers!!!! This is so important for our country. We are a dog loving country and having an amendment to animal fighting guidelines is critical. Remember: Dog is God spelled backwards!!!! Well I appreciate your listening to my opinion. Thank you for your service.
Connie	Gaede	FL	Put an end to dog fighting and establish strict guidelines for all involved personnel to the fullest extent of the law.
Leslie sherri pamela k Brenda Lynne Wendy Patti	Carngbe f douglas Barnard Habberfield Hirschman Conley	TX IN CA AK CO TX FL	
Mary Janice Sharon Ashley Angie Tamyra shana Donna	Ebel Haynes Balzano Gripentog Ostrowski Mouginis Smith Shaffer	AZ OR CO NV IL OH NY PA	America needs to be Great. Be the great country it was when I was born back in 1947. We need to be the ethical leaders in ending cruelty to animals. This is a major start. Tell the world we will not tolerate dog/animal fighting. It is barbaric and we are not a barbaric country. Allowing cruelty to animals tells the world we are a barbaric country.
Joyce	McFaddin	VA	Animal fighting should be punished severely. I also believe an animal abuse register should be established. Please help our animals!

kate	warr	UT
Tammera	Hinshaw	OR
Lynn	Moser	WA
Jacqueline	Gary	FL
Cathy	Martin	TN
Debbie	England Yelton	NC
Melanie	Newby	FL
lisa	tamborello	CT
Penelope	Greason	CT
Monica	Boucher-Romano	SC
Catherine	Anderson	FL
Maria L.	Hernandez	AZ
jean	carter	TN
Pamela	Garlisch	IL
Summerfield	Baldwin	NY
Noreen	Murray	FL
Fran	Fitz	CA
Amy	Palmer	MA
Justine	Lamb	IL
Linda	Szilagyi	TX
Nicole	Neal	FL
Karen	Boudreau	MA

It really is past time to put an end to this disgusting, barbaric, inhumane practice. We're better than this.

There is so much to say! Let's stop these dog fighting rings! The higher the penalty, and harder time! Let no animal be abused again! EVER!

The "blood sport" of dog fighting has no place in our society, and the people who force defenseless animals to fight, and profit from it, are criminals who should be consistently given the maximum possible sentence. Thank you for your support of the amendment to the animal fighting guidelines.

The horrific cruelty of dogfighting needs to be more severely punished. It is not a positive reflection of our society's values that torture and sadistic cruelty inflicted on completely helpless beings too often ends with a pathetically light sentence. Sentencing seems to reveal a flippant disregard for suffering. This is not the kind of society most Americans want to live in. Sentencing needs to mirror our society's decency and knowledge that wanton cruelty to animals is not tolerated in a civilized nation.

Please let abusers know that their cruelty will be punished severely. Dog fighting should be considered felony and be prosecuted as such! But the judges also need to enforce the laws!

Stop the animal fighting please these people should pay for their crime, please commissioner do something for these poor animals who cannot speak for themselves or help themselves we have to do it for them

Please, lets take this chance to help stop this cruel practice.

livia	yanowicz	NY
karen	steinmeyer	SC
Bobbi	Reutzel	FL
Bernard	Shire	PA
Vickie	Brewer	IN

Christi	Walsh	CO
Wendy	Adler	NM
Julissa	Castro-Morrison	NJ
Susan	Smith	NJ

In my opinion, 5 years should be a minimum, not a maximum.

Louise	Snider	CA
Anna Maria	Garcia	WA
Tracey	Mangus	PA
T	G	NJ
Sheila	Berry	CA

This is a barbaric activity that should be outlawed in civilized society.

Sally	Raugh	WI
Shannon	Meadows	IL

Please put these people away for along time, Making sure they are placed in a prison cell with people who love and fight for animal rights.

Tomie	Bunch	TN
Kate	Benton	CA
Stacey	Greaud	LA
Maria L.	Hernandez	AZ
Anita	Glisci	NY
Robin	Nemery	FL
Hedda T.	Koslow	FL
Marlene	Sauer	CA

Please stop animal fighting. We would never make children fight to live why allow people to make animals who can not choose for themselves.

linda	weinle	OH
A	French	IN
Kerry	Heck	NJ

Anyone who hurt a animal will hurt a human,these people belong in jail,and do unto them as they did to the animals.
Linda weinle

Helena	Wang	FL
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Please help stop cruelty to all living creatures big or small.
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support.
The animals need strong laws and enforcement of these laws with the maximum prison sentence to let all who intend to try or do these barbaric acts know there will be a stiff penalty to pay for committing these crimes.

Gale	Mangini	MD
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Joni	Manson	OH
Bridget	Davidson	TX
Helen	Ponce	CO
simon	millheiser	NY
Mario	viladrosa	FL
rebecca	ford	OH

Alessandra	Zaccagna	FL
David E.	Swatowy	NY
Ken	Baros	NM
tara	thomas	ID
Kathy	Morales	TX

If only we can push the abusers the same way they abuse these wonderful creatures.

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Robert	Graber	AR
Cindy	McReynolds	TX

Dog fighting is not only a crime, but it is an extremely cruel, barbarous act. Animals are tortured and forced to kill each other, just for the amusement of some vicious sadists. If anything, five years imprisonment is too mild a sentence for such extreme cruelty. Please make sure dog fighting is treated as the terrible crime that it is, and punished as such. Sincerely, Robert Graber, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Finance University of Arkansas - Monticello

barry	farley	MD
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animal fighting is not a joke. it is a crime that should be seriously punished by the law. Criminals who participate in this outrageous act of animal cruelty should be convicted and receive a serious sentence to jail time, because it harms the animal, and could result in the animal's death.

KAREN	LACKLIN	MI
Erika	Shankle	MA
Anita	Glisci	NY

I HAVE WITNESSED DOGS AFTER A FIGHT AND YES WE NEED THE STRICTEST OF THE STRICT LAWS. THESE ANIMALS CAN NOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES SO WE MUST. K. L. L.

Azzurra	Cross	NJ
Cynthia	Echevarria	TX

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dog fighting we all would love it to stop . All this Brutal evil vicious blood sport needs to come to an end all together. Every day dogs are the brute of this blood sport. Every day they are subjected to this either as a bait or full dead on fight between the two or evermore are thrown into a ring of DEATH ! It happens everyday for what ? I tell you what. For money, greed, selfishness, cruelty, to watch two innocent animals tear each other apart. I am majority and their voice i work with all animals i have seen heartache,torture,neglect,cruelty all in general and then some. You probably are asking how can you see all this in person? I to save animals i work for a 6 team veterinary and staff and no kill rescues. I did work with rescues in California 2 of them for years. Then i decided to move back to Arizona where i am from. And i continue to reach out to this very day and always will. I am here to help and educate, and be their voice to the day i die. I made that promise to my family and friends across the world.The reason i say world i am just one of thousands that has a very loud voice. All my animals have been rescues. And i also made that promise to always rescue. I have seen a lot in person and online. When i heard what Micheal Vick had done i was and still am livid about his actions. He should have never gotten out on good behavior quote and unquote ! That right there is BS! He is not reformed i do not believe that at all. In my eyes once convicted a murderer will always be one. Do the crime do the punishment for good. He should have never been let go. I don't give a rats ass who you are. Every person that is involved in this Brutal Heinous act of evil should never be let go for good behavior like i don't care who you are! Anyone that involved it does not matter if you are spectator or who is doing the fighting of these beautiful animals! And yes with the right rehabilitation of these beautiful I cannot believe that this kind of cruelty is ignored and that the people who do it just get away with it. I fail to see any entertainment in watching dogs fighting and I don't know which is worse, the people putting on fights or the ones watching it. It is a sickening heinous crimes that has gone on long enough and needs to stop.

Mercedes	Frank	AZ
Suz-ze	Copeland	OK
Lisa	Rosario	NY
Helen	Ponce	CO
Samantha	Kemp	MI
NITSA	CHIOS	CA
April	Montgomery	MA
Marilee	Smith	NY

Cruelty to these poor animals should result in Prison time!! 20 years
shame such cruelty YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT !!!!!

Deborah	Tosh	TN	it is criminal what happens in dog fighting rings and puppy mills. I suggest that offenders should 1. Be treated as they treated the animals including the chains and the whole nine yards.They should have to fight for their life just as these unfortunate animals have to. Survivors should be incarcerated at least ten years in the worst prison in this country. Puppy mill owners get to take a turn of living in horrible conditions,same as their unfortunate animals, cages are not a fun place.Animal cruelty should become a felony! The sooner this becomes a law, The Better.
Rosemarie	Conover	VA	
William	Abernathy	AR	Animal fighting is barbaric and the people promoting it should receive sentences commensurate with barbaric acts!
Jim	Jerschefske	WI	
Martha	Metcalf	OR	
Amanda	Wathern	NY	
Charles	Ryburn	MI	
Dianna	Ligus	AK	Cruelty such as this, has no bounds and no acceptable place in a civilized society. It is a horrendous crime to use innocent helpless animals for fighting to make \$\$\$\$. Animals (dogs) are born gentle and loving, yes they are socialized by upstanding owners - decent folks. Yes they will protect the owners and property. I believe all life is connected. See DNA etc. We exploit and have used dogs in war, but I am a member of an organization that trains dogs as multi-task helpers for kids, veterans and anyone with various disabilities. We are helping prisoners learn to work with dogs. Anyone involved in dog fighting needs severe punishment.
Pat, Scott & dawn	long	NY	thank you for taking this up. This is a barbarous practice; it should be completely outlawed. We have no right to condemn our helpless animal friends to this hellish life, all this pain and suffering!!!
Marjorie	Troutman	CA	
Robin	Megibow	MD	Animal Fighting is one of the most cruel forms of abuse-Laws and Sentencing need to reflect this fact. It is often a means by which those who are involved in other illegal activities fund their crimes. Please make the Humane decision to have the Punishment Fit The Crime.
Mary	Roberson	NC	Please stop fighting of animals. It is cruel and not necessary.
Christine	norman	MI	Make it a crime punish by law.
barry	farley	MD	-
Jennifer	Pelletier	AZ	

It should be a minimum/mandatory sentence of 5 years in prison without the possibility of parole and increasing the sentence depending on the severity of the abuse! They should be put onto a national recognizing animal fighting list so the person can no longer purchase or adopt an animal from a shelter or humane society program! EVER! A Life Ban! If the punishment is not severe enough then the persons responsible will not take the sentence serious and continue to commit the crime of animal fighting.

Derek	Head	UT
John	Hartless	IL
Teri	Brantley	CA

Please be sure this horrible act is treated as the crime it is and those who participate are punished.

Claire	Chambers	CA
Jan	Mosteller	TX
William	Mullen	NJ

Please do the right thing..thank you
Animal fighting is one of the worst kinds of animal abuse. These people need to be treated the same as they treat animals - like garbage.

Laura	Jobe	TX
Mary	Roberson	NC
Nicole	Mika	IL
Gina	Obrien	TX
Kathy	Martell	NY
Jessica	Bellas	PA
Dawn	Lee	KY
Jason	Nichols	TN
Joyce	McFaddin	VA
Debbie	Kearns	NC

This is a horrible form of animal cruelty! The unspeakable things they do to these dogs! We need harsher punishments for these people because to be able to sit and watch and inflict so much pain on a living thing. . . Only someone without a soul could do that.

Oshanna	Butler	WI
Susan	Bush	PA
Donald	Hilligoss	CT

I have been a dog lover all my life and the thought of animals being forced to fight and kill for amusement sickens me. Please do all you can to make sure this horrible practice stops for good. thank you

Timothy	O'Connell	TX
Pallavi	Moorthy	NY
Ingrid	Feder	CT

David	Walker	VA	The courts need to send the strongest message possible that this will not be tolerated by our society at large. Increase the penalties AND impose them in EVERY case. Sponsorship of Animal Fighting is a heinous Crime and Punishments should Match the Crimes committed !!!
Peter	Lugbauer	NY	
Arlene	Longo	NJ	
			STOP dog fighting Please have criminals who abuse and kill animals be sentenced to reasonable prison time to both get them away from their activities and to send a message to other abusers that they will go to jail. Dog fighting promotes violence and inflicts horrific pain and suffering to defenseless animals. Help the courts send a message to those who choose to abuse animals for their own sadistic joy and profit.
Mary	Whitley MD	AR	
Christina	Viljoen	AL	
			This barbaric practice should Not be allowed to occur in any civilized society, much less the United States. Our Constitution, our Bill of Rights provide its citizens of the right to live without horrors, live without pain, and certainly Not Slavery. Doesn't this apply to the "other" American citizens who were born here, live here, and have proven themselves in so many ways that they have been called heroes and have received the highest of honors usually reserved for humans only? Why are these non-human citizens being ignored and considered "below" us? They deserve our protection, they deserve official recognition, and do not deserve the Hell they are being forced to endure, plus the label of "property". Living, sentient beings are NOT "property". I BEG that you do the right thing.
Aida	Marina	CA	
Debbi	Goeltsch	PA	
Taylor	Marye-Baker	WA	
Karene	Hedtcke	WI	
			Any kind of animal fighting has no place in a civilized society. Who in their right mind would want to see such things? Please make sure the penalties for animal fighting are severe. It is a hideous and barbaric way to make money. Not to mention, other crimes are also common at these events, such as drug dealing, gambling, and exposing children to these atrocities.
Grace	Calvert	IA	Thank you for doing the right thing.
Deanna	Hart	GA	
Cheryl	McClintock	GA	
			Please help deter the suffering of helpless animals at the hands of obviously heartless individuals!
Marlene	Sauer	CA	
Sharon	Walker	MN	
Kathy	Todd	AZ	

Donna	Jette	FL	THIS IS AT THE TOP FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY. PLEASE MAKE THIS ALSO AT THE TOP FOR JAIL TIME.
robert	bixby	CA	these cowards should get the longest jail time possible, M.Vick should still be in jail or donating his entire pay to end dog fighting.
mary	swilling	SC	SC needs stronger punishment for animal abuse
Genevieve	Riber	CA	

Please stop the brutality of animal fighting. They were meant to be loving companions and provide loyal, caring and passion to their owners. They are in our hands to protect them. Please stop this and please make the sentence as serious as you can to set an example for others out there that may not listen or care. WE love our pets, and they love and care for us. These evil people deserve punishment. Thank you.

patti	garretson	ME
Claudia	Blanco	CA
Gina	DePalma	CA

These people are criminals. They should serve jail time, and not just for a few months. We have to stand up for these innocent loving creatures against these greedy barbarians.

Francine	Traniello	MA
Lori	Cowan	IA
Lee Ann	Walker	MI
Penelope	Greason	CT
Dana	Williams	NY
Christina	Viljoen	AL
erin	hobaugh	NJ

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If you have the leeway to do so, I would urge you to expand the sentence length to 10 years as I believe this is a more reasonable length of time to fit such a heinous crime. Thank you.

Debra	Atlas	CA
Alice E.	Higgins	NY
linda	meeks	CA
Jan	Mosteller	TX
Kathryn	Collins	LA
Helen	Syen	PA
Anita	Norris	NJ

			I think if congresspeople, judges and other persons involved in the government, saw first hand what these animals are subjected to, they might be more proactive about strengthening laws and punishment for abusers. It is too easy to listen to a story about the horrors of dog fighting and then turn away and forget it. Dog fighting involves countless other crimes committed against society as well as against dogs who are forced into this miserable painful life. I urge all legislators to move forward on this amendment for a positive result.
Candace	Kay	LA	
Debra	Smith	IL	
Sandy	Kittrick	OH	
			Premeditated animal fighting is no different than torture. Individuals in society who force imprisoned animals to fight or die are criminals and are a danger to both animals and humans alike. They are causing great suffering to animals, who deserve protection under our laws. We should encourage compassion toward animals, and severely punish those who harm them in any way.
Kenneth	Colosky	NY	
Lance	gimenez	FL	END ALL DOG FIGHTING FOREVER! This dog fighting is outrageous! Man's best friend is being treated like the poor bulls, greyhounds and other animals in a SPORT! What kind of sport is this? They fight till they die and no one pays attention to them inbetween this horrific fights. No love, no shelter, scant food. This has to stop. It is inhumane and boggles my senses. Have the decency to stop this incredibly cruel fighting.
Shelley	Barstow	FL	
Ann	Garner	GA	I encourage the U.S. Sentencing Commission to amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines to reflect the seriousness of this crime and affirm the brutality of animal fighting. It is astonishing that people still participate in such an unkind, inhuman, and destructive acts. What could possibly be enjoyable about watching and betting on animals to rip each other apart. Don't even want to get starting on profiting from this morbid racket. In addition, the fact that dogs of the terrier, shepherd, and mastiff breeds get bad raps for being vicious. I can tell you that I have had the pleasure of knowing some of the best dogs from these breeds; trusting, loving, and family oriented. Please stop this injustice to our innocent, defenseless animals.
Brenda	Meistrell	OR	
Danise	Flood	IA	This should be done now, not later. More will be hurt the longer you wait.

			A nation is judged by how it treats those without a voice. These cruel people must be stopped. We cannot let this barbarism continue in our nation. Harsher sentences and make them stick!
V BRENDA	Cafazzo EVANS	OH OK	
Jennifer	Brinklow	VA	No living animal (or human) should have to live like that!!! That is only existing not living & it isn't even a decent existence..... Pitting innocent animals against each other is such a heinous crime. Offenders should be sent a strong message via the court system.
Linda Stacy Tami Diane	Potempa Faulkenberry Miller Juliano	IL SC VA TX	
Anna	Shaughnessy	OH	What joy can one get from watching an animal suffer or fight to the death. This should be introduced on a felony level. Please give this law your undivided attention, thank you. Please use all channels necessary to crack down on animal fighting. Update guidelines to include a 15 year maximum sentence for animal fighting. Thank you.
Ruby Minnie	Reid Lee	TN NY	
brian Brenda Vicki anita	platil Lopez Ward matthews	NC VA CA PA	The Punishment Should Fit the Crime: U.S. Sentencing Commission -- Crack Down on Animal Fighting —
Anthony Twila	Miller Longenecker	OK PA	These animals have been tortured long enough! They are every bit as intelligent as you are! Would you like to be forced into a game of life and death? Yeah. I knew you'd say that.
Heather Denise	Canett Douglas	CA NJ	Animal fighting needs to have stronger sentences. People who participate in these heinous crimes need to know that the law and the nation will not stand for these despicable actions. Please considering amending these guidelines.
Jo	Linker	TX	This is a nasty, brutal, vicious crime that should be heavily punished whether it's dog or cock or anything else fighting. People who dog fighting in any way are dangerous to all of us. Lock them up.
Paulette Sallie Susan	Kaplan Setinsek Everest	VA TN CO	

Mary Alice	Blanchard	OH	<p>This is a no brainer, absolutely they should be punished. Animals can not defend their selves so we have to and that means 5 years if not more. It makes me sick that we have to second guess this to vote on this.</p>
Rae	Strickland	TX	
Carol	Angelo	PA	
Maria	Dassing	TX	
Cheryl	Foley	OH	
Kim	Rushlow	FL	
Ruby	Reid	TN	<p>Please use all channels necessary to crack down on animal fighting. Update guidelines to include a 15 year maximum sentence for animal fighting. Thank you.</p>
Lisa	Mazzola	FL	
Lee	Tejeda	OK	
Nancy	Key	CA	<p>The FBI has now classified animal abuse & cruelty as a Top Tier Felony just like arson or murder. These abusers need to be held accountable for the torture they have inflicted on these animals without exception. The sentences have been far too lenient far too long. It's time to crack down on those who choose to treat animals so horribly.</p>
Mary Carole	Talley	NC	
Antoinette	Mauro	KY	<p>Dogs are very forgiving creatures and deserve to be treated kindly. Money hungry creatures deserve more severe punishment, not a loss of money! Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.</p>
Cindy	Girgenti	CT	
Barbara	Kelly	OH	
robert	dowling	NY	
lindsay	kramer	SC	
Veronica	Fernandez	CA	
Jeanie	Kilgour	HI	<p>If we are to consider ourselves a civilized nation, we must deal harshly with inhumane forms of "entertainment". Please make the punishment for these barbaric crimes strong enough to REALLY deter animal fighting. Mahalo.</p>
Karen	Schneider	NC	

This should already be in place.

Jennifer	Brinklow	VA
Sandra	Peek	CO

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Bridget	Fitzgerald	CO
April	Linton	DC
Robin	Phillips	FL
Riva	Ko	NY
James	Mulcare	WA
maribel	garcia	PR

Robin Phillips

Over 8 yrs ago, I observed a video on YouTube uncovering the nature of dog fighting and for days afterwards, my stomach felt upside down. Couldn't even eat due to what I saw. Not just the act of being subjected to such violence but it was also the mentalities of the "humans" which made me nauseous. Since then, yes, the topic in which I'm passionate about putting to an end, has been more in the media spotlight and laws/penalties have indeed been established. This request from myself along with many other civilized minds may seem to give the impression of "never enough" but honestly it will only appear as such till this senseless act of sadism is given the penalties it truly requires to get the point across. I've never meet a mean, vicious dog but than again, I choose my friends wisely. Hopefully, one day, if non human animals still can't be viewed as equal, than maybe close to equal. Studies have already proven that when one starts inflicting pain towards our voiceless, they feel comfortable enough to move on to humans. Thank you in advanced for your time, Randy J. Oakes

Randy	Oakes	TX
Stephanie	Smith	SC
Joseph	Haemmerle	NJ
raymond	rosas	CA
Rebecca	Varner	FL

chris	brazis	CA	<p>We need to get serious about animal fighting. Often, animal cruelty is linked to psychopathic behavior. This can lead to torture and cruelty to humans. This practice demands we prosecute those involved (including those who watch) to the maximum sentence allowed and given treatment.</p> <p>The laws r not stricter on animals fighter they get no time and shouldn't be allow to have a animal their natural born life and they need to put them on a offender list for animal abuse and do back ground for animals being put in new home u be suspise on what u see about animal abuser</p> <p>Such cruel behavior must warrant the punishment it deserves!!!</p>
Connie	Albright	VA	
Jane	Rutkoski	PA	
Brian	Bergmann	FL	<p>I feel if ANYONE abuses or is uses animals in fighting should do time for the life of the animal. If a dog is used in dog fighting, then that dog would have lived for about 16 years. Then the sentencing should be the same 16 yrs. It is only fair. And if there is more then one animal 32 yrs. etc. And if the animal is injured from fighting, then do rest of the time of the dog yrs. And pay for all the Vet bills.</p>
Derinda	Nilsson	NY	
Kathryn	Kennedy	NV	
faith	bremmer	MN	
Susan	Everest	CO	
Rickie	Gunn	OR	
Laura	Bouillot	NJ	
Derek	Head	UT	<p>Dogfighting is a barbaric activity which causes incredible suffering for dogs. It is vital that the sentence for these crimes aids in eliminating the activity and properly punishes those who engage in it.</p>
Shawncey	Webb	IN	
brenda	rister	NY	
Carolyn	Villanova	MA	So sad. I can't even believe it's true.
Jamie	Hill	MA	
Denise	Remy	PA	Dog fighting is inhumane - please help make the laws fit the crime.
Katrina	Parzych	CT	
			<p>Dog fighting is the worst of the worst for our beautiful dog friends. They will fight to the death to do as their human wants. So please send them away for at least 5 years and prevent them from owning any animal until we are sure they have learned to respect animals!</p>
Starr	Goode	CA	Individuals who abuse dogs deserve the maximum prison sentence. Dean McCormick
Dean	McCormick	TX	

Pauline	O'Donnell	CO	Please help stop this terrible anise, and make sure the perpetrators are punished severely.
Bob	Cash	TX	Be kind to dumb animals. God's will be done, I pray. Bob Cash
Twila	Longenecker	PA	
Michael	Rynes	IL	
Brooks	Godwin	VA	
Michele	Clark	NC	
Crystal	Wolf	NM	
SHIRLEY	WALTZ	FL	
Steve	McLeran	IA	
Julie	Block	WI	
ann	everetts	PA	
Deborah	Herdegen	MI	Animal fighting is a terrible cruelty and despicable crime. The punishment should be equally harsh.
Barbara	Miller	NM	
Morriann	Anlauf	WA	
Lisa	Rosario	NY	
lori	peniche	TX	
Tresstine	Conti	NY	To me, it is immoral , unethical and unconscionable to make animals fight each other! I urge you to update the guidelines to better reflect the penalties of what I consider a true crime: pitting one animal against another. We must be the voice for these animals!
Francine	Traniello	MA	
deanna	whitemire	TN	
Stacee	Anderson	WA	Animal fighting is a barbaric, completely unnecessary, and disgusting form of entertainment that should be abolished. Humans can choose to fight if they wish, but animals should not be beaten, abused, and forced into this this appalling practice!
Donna	Slover	KY	
Sallie	Setinsek	TN	
Sandra	Peek	CO	
Mary	Demaso	MA	
Aida	Marina	CA	
Pia	DiMiceli-Rothstein	NY	

A local news reporter talked to an ex-dog fighter who revealed that the local cops/authorities know where these activities are occurring but that too many wealthy city patrons are involved - hence, the abuse continues and no effective busts! This is disgusting. We need zero tolerance for all involved- the wealthy who bet on the dogs are as guilty as anyone else - we need to expose and humiliate them publicly - this is the only way to deter people from getting involved with this horrid, sick form of "entertainment".

kathy	kron	NM
Wanda	Graff	OR
pamela	Packard	PA
Crys	Turner	VA
MICHAEL	PHIPPS	TX

THIS AMENDMENT NEEDS TO PASS QUICKLY. NEED TO START LETTING IDOTS, SPEND TIME IN JAIL FOR THEIR SUTPIDTY.

NO DOGS SHOULD BE TREATED AS THE ONES WE KEEP READING OR WATCH ON THE INTERNET AND T.V.THESE PEOPLE ALWAYS GET A SLAP ON THE WRIST.THE PENALTIES SHOULD BE MORE SEVERE. HOW ABOUT FINES UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, FOR AN FIRST OFFENSE.THEY SHOULD ALSO BE SENTENCED TO WORK IN A ANIMAL SHELTER FOR ONE WEEK. THEY WILL WITNESS FIRST HAND ABOUT LIFE WITH DOGS.FEEDING THEM,PICKING UP THEIR DROPPINGS,CLEANING CAGES,PROVIDING THEM WITH FOOD AND WATER. MAYBE AFTER WATCHING ONE OR TWO DOGS DIE IN FRONT OF HIM. HE WILL WITNESS AND EXPERIENCE GRIEF AND EMPATHY FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. HE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY LIFE IS SACRED UNDER GOD'S EYES.HOWEVER LARGE OR SMALL.DOG OR CAT AND NUMEROUS OTHER CREATURES.HOPEFULLY AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE HE WILL A CHANGED MAN AND GO OUT AND ADVOCATE FOR THE ASPCA OR OTHER NOTABLE AGENCY.WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT NO PERSON EVER, SUBJECTS ANY ANIMAL TO THIS CRUELTY. DOGS AND CATS ARE ALL GOD'S CREATURES. GOD BLESS

william	hunter	NY
Starr	Goode	CA
J Theodora	Dunlap	NY
Lydia	Fish	NY
Cheryl	Kallenbach	ID
Dagmara	DeFilippo	NJ
Rachael	Goodworth	AZ
Dorothy	Rossi	TX
Diane	Rohn	VA

Joanne Haptonstall WA

Stella Craig UT

Crack down & up the punishment on any type of animal cruelty!!!
it is time to get serious on this horrible crime. If I were in charge, I'd tie the people running the dog fight up and let the dogs have a turn at them. If they like to watch violence, they would have a close up view. However, I am not in charge, but you are, so please make the punishment serious enough to discourage others. After their sentence is up, the criminal should have to work cleaning horse stalls or picking up after zoo animals for a very long time and if they harm any of these animals they are around, send them back to prison. I wouldn't mind a shocking collar for them. Thank you, Judy W Poole West Monroe, La

Judy Poole LA

Helen Drwinga TN

AE DeWitt GA

Dog fighting is a crime that should carry heavy sentences. Its causing the breed to be banned and people who own the breed legally to be discriminated against besides of course, the torture of these beautiful animals. this needs to be stopped and the criminals in my opinion to get the same as these animals, torture. But I know that won't happen because innocent lives are tortured way more than criminals and its sickening.

joanne castle PA

Lee Mitchell WV

Please help these wonderful dogs who cannot help themselves. The cruelties done to them are unspeakable. Then these dogs are wrongly accused of being vicious, when it is the human who has trained and tortured them!! The punishment MUST FIT THE CRIME! These human torturers must pay for their cruelties!!! We need to protect all of our animals from undue violent acts. The people involved in this are self centered animals themselves, and they don't care who or what they hurt. Make the penalty severe, deter this behavior.

Lila Mach MO

Daniel Stack CA

Cindy Sullivan CO

Carol Hamilton GA

I cannot believe that anyone -ANYONE - with a soul or an ounce of conscience would not recognize animal brutality and dog fighting as inherently evil and wrong. Please use your authority and this opportunity to save lives and punish those who perpetrate these crimes. I also hope that bringing attention to this issue will educate the public on why dogfighting is wrong and provide a means for improvement that will benefit both dogs and humans. Please expand the law to allow for maximum penalties to deter these cruel acts.

Lisa	Collins	GA
Janelle	Barnes	NC
Christine	Trela	CA
Andy	Hurley	TN
vicki	kopinski	CA
Heather	Canett	CA
Lorraina	Barnard	CA
Linda	Steenman	CA
A	Demetropoulos	NY
Stanley	Scheller	CO
Paula	Zamorano	CA
patty	woolums	AZ
Nancy	Schuhrke	AZ
Anna	King Templeton	CA
Sharon	Holland	SC
Elizabeth	Walden	TX
Monique	Lowther	OH

How can I bring awareness to the subject?

Please make sentence stronger; help innocent animals. Anybody engaging in any way with dog fighting should be put in a cage with 4 attack dogs. So they can feel the pain the poor animals have been put thru.

It is well past time to put a stop to this barbaric practice.

Those who fight dogs need to be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.

			How does the saying go - the extent of civilisation of a country can be measured by how it treats its animals? Dogs have been our companions since humans became human. We must send a message to people who harm dogs, through dog-fighting among other ways, that this is absolutely not acceptable behaviour through laws and sentencing that reflect that humane stance.
Jackie	Lees	TX	
Russ	Binger	IL	
Ursula	Pelka	MN	
			This is horrific! Participation in dog fighting in ANY way should be subject to the harshest punishment possible. A life is a life. These dogs have NO choice or protection. Maximum fines and jail time should match the crimes.
Cindy	Hoyle	IL	
Sadie	Salib	ME	
Michaele	Oberbroeckling	TX	
tyler	harrington	NY	
			This animal abuse MUST stop and punishment rendered to the FULLEST extent of the law to ANYONE fighting ANY type of animal "AND" spectators.....this is the ONLY way to try and stop this horror. HOW could a federal judge NOT know about dogfighting.....if they don't, then they don't deserve to be a judge.
Christine	Ostopoffq	PA	
mildred	chalmers	NJ	-
Richard	edmundson	TX	
			Please support the amendment to increase prison time for this horrific crime.
Kristy	Payton	CO	
Molly	Buchanan	MA	End animal fighting and enforce stronger sentences for animal cruelty.
			Animals are people too, and forcing them into a life of dogfighting is no more humane or becoming of ourselves than human trafficking. Everyone, including animals, have the right to dignity and the right to live. They feel and suffer just as we do. So I urge you to decisively expand whatever measures necessary to ensure sure barbaric and savage acts towards animals cannot be allowed to repeat. They will not be tolerated as a norm in a society that knows much better.
Dylan	Jones	MA	
Wanda	Graff	OR	

Diana	Parker	LA	<p>Try to envision an animal who MUST fight to the point of exhaustion, to defend himself to survive, and then if he survives his deep, painful wounds, is to do this again and again, if he is not killed the next time. These animals are victims of hellacious abuse by people who know better, but care nothing at all about their savage forcing of dogfighting. We are human beings in charge of caring for our animals by providing them with good care and safety. There is but a small step between this heinous treatment and disregard for life; any life! These animals die painfully but are in misery until they do. What is any good in this? Please protect them. These people need to be stopped!</p>
Brea	Cara		
Jamie	Hill	MA	
Barbara	Shepperson	WY	

raymond	rosas	CA	<p>YES, please amend the animal fighting guidelines 2015/2016. these people should receive more than a five year sentence, for this terrible crime that they are committing against all animals. the people that watch animal fighting should be punished also.</p>
Karen	Wyatt	PA	

Alen	Rekel	CT	<p>Please punish evil dogfighters to the maximum extent of the law. No reduced sentences</p>
Sylvia	Dwyer	NH	
andrea	beavers	VA	

Lynn	M	WV	<p>Personally, I consider 5 years much too light of a sentence. The absolute minimum should be 5 years, and it should increase to at least twice that for a maximum. Those who participate in such sadism are a violent, criminal menace to ordinary citizens. Protect us all by amending these guidelines.</p>
Douglas	Klebe	PA	

Linda	Martin	HI	<p>We need to be the shepards of the most helpless. No animal should suffer the indignity of being thought of as nothing.</p>
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Peggy	Kays	KY	<p>What is wrong with you people, why are you allowing animals to be abused the way they are... just because a animal cannot talk they still feel pain. How would you like to go hungry or be beat..Good lord people stop this</p>
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			Myself I would have these so called people put into a pit and be made to fight with another person.I do believe it is a eye for a eye....I do not recognize these people as humans that get there entertainment from this kind of suffering. They are garbage and can only be described in this way.So I can only pray that the ASPCA will and can control this. Much stronger punishment is Needed...not just a find or a warning it needs hard time with a bunch of prisoners that do care about these animals..
Johanna	Wyatt	AZ	
brenda	rister	NY	
Terrie	Williams	TX	Please strengthen the penalties and sentences for Dog Fighting.
Elizabeth	Diffine	AZ	
			I have a very easy way for the punishment to fit the crime...just like on drug busts start apprehending all vehicle , property anything in the pleace where dogs fight ,or any other animal fight are being conducted
Nara	Wilson	TX	Crimes against innocent animals are some of the worst possible crimes and should be punished accordingly!
Christine	Carollo-Zeuner	WI	
Jill	Croce	CA	
Kathy	Bruen	MN	
			Please take action so that the horrific nature of dog-fighting and the terrible torture of innocent animals is not lost or minimized with a conviction and sentence that does not set an example or is not considered a deterrent to these awful human beings!
Doreen	Barry	NY	
Laura	Piercey	MI	
Elizabeth	Walden	TX	
			This is an issue that needs to be more well-known. Helpless dogs are forced into a life of aggression and cruelty for survival. I love my dogs and want other dogs to receive that love, not abuse.
Mikayla	Hagerty	PA	
Yolanda	Harris	GA	
Ginger	Hill	SC	
			I feel very sorry for those poor dogs that have to put their own live on the line for these mean people that force them to fight for money and make them rich wathing those poor dogs do their dirty work. I would like to put them in a cage and have them beat up.
Marlene	Ohrman	NC	
Kathleen	Campbell	NJ	
Amanda	Bonacasa	FL	Way to go

John	Rankin	KS	5 Yrs Hell it should be death penalty cus if two dogs fight then one is going die so put all animal abuser and dog fighter put them on death row and kill them Dog fighting is ridiculous, and should be punished to the fullest. Please stand up for the animals that can't stand up for themselves.
Julie	Silver	OH	
Stacee	Anderson	WA	
Deborah	Foughty	CA	
Beth	Lovell	PA	
Lorraina	Barnard	CA	
Mary	McKinney	FL	
Jamie	Talboom	IN	We need to do all we can to stop this from happening! Please take steps needed to abolish horrendous and cruel animal fighting. With Regards, Susan Hannon
Susan	Hannon	CA	
barbara	mcgrath	MA	
Sharon	Bittner	OH	So many people in this country think that we are a guiding light for the rest of the world. Well, let's prove it.
Pallavi	Moorthy	NY	— People who willingly hurt innocent beings are psychopaths. These people should be punished, and stopped.
Andrea	Feder	CT	
Jared	Cornelia	DE	
GRACE	RACE	OR	This is a horrible "business" that draws in the lowest dregs of society, wounding and killing many innocent animals for profit and it has no place in a humane world for which we are striving.
Delma	Sommers	MT	
Diane	Garber	IL	Torture, deliberate cruelty and horrific negligence on the part of " humans" MUST be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Dear Sirs and Madams, Please stand up and help punish evil people who participate in dog fighting. The laws need to be severe with severe punishments. It's a joke evil people getting away with this horrible acts against dogs. Please do not be like the NFL commissioner. Who sold out !! And let Michael Vick playing football again. Pure stupid and evil. He was sorry because he got caught. What a piece of sh*t. I ask I beg you.
LyLy	Rockwell	NY	Help these poor defense less creatures. LyLy Truthfully, I don't think 5 years is enough. Dog fighting with the intent of leaving another animal maimed or dead is unthinkable to the majority of the population. The only people (if I should call them that - I can think of a better description for them) who would enjoy doing this to another animal (humans are included in this
Camile	Getter	CA	

Claudia	Blanco	CA	<p>It takes a very evil human being to participate or facilitate dog fighting. The way all animals involved are treated is beyond inhumane and just plain disgusting. We are their only voice. They are loving and loyal and would put their life on the line for their humans at the drop of a dime. Please! We are their voice so let's take that responsibility serious.</p> <p>People who fight animals and the people who watch and bet on animal fighting have absolutely no regard for life of any kind. Animals feel pain and fear and for anyone to not only profit from it but also enjoy it says a lot about those people. Please help protect the innocent.</p>
Lori	Cowan	IA	
Rose	Gennusa	TX	
Diane	London	CA	
Claire	Neville	WA	
Cher	Wilcox	AZ	
Deborah	Foughty	CA	

Karen	Cummings	NY	<p>The persons participating in dog fighting have no cares or concerns about the dogs only the money they can make by having a superior dog. It is cruel not only to the fighting dogs but to the bait dogs and small animals used in training the dogs. Please update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years as prescribed by Congress in 2008. There is no excuse for forcing animals to fight. The entire industry from its inception is cruel, inhumane, exploitative and vicious. I believe that everyone connected to committing this crime should be punished severely and without mercy. It is necessary to raise the sentencing and enforcement of the criminal guidelines to the most rigorous possible. These criminals are unable to care about innocent lives. Please represent me, along with the vast majority of citizens, by making the punishment for these offenders fit their outrageous crimes against animals.</p> <p>5 years should be the MINIMUM sentence. All animal cruelty should have tougher penalties.</p> <p>Please help these suffering VICTIMS ! They are living beings that feel pain just as we do --- and they need us to protect them from this cruel victimization ! We need accountability and to deter these acts of cruelty ! Please help end their pain !</p> <p>Sincerely, Mary Jane Hudec</p>
Sheri	Brocato	CA	
Karen	Graves	AR	
Mary	Hudec	OH	
Yasmin	Stem	FL	
CARMEN	DIAZ	IL	<p>This should be banned already. These are animals that are kind and good to their owner until they put them for fighting other dogs.</p>

Sandra	Salazar	WA	This animal as any others have feelings. Let's show them that humans can be better and be good to them. Help us to do the right thing. thank.you.	
Suzanne	Shelton	CA		
Janelle	Barnes	NC		
Ingrid	Manning	CA		
Lorraine	Gauthier	ME		
Jim	Pech	WI		
			The maximum should not be five years that should be the MINIMUM with the sky the limit no maximum. Lock them up and throw away the key. Perhaps they should be put so far back that they have to have air pumped to them and what a shame if the pump happened to break. Those who abuse animals are not people they are vermin and should be dealt with as such!	
R.	Thomas	OR	Stop cruelty for fighting animals by huge punishments so it. will no longer be worth it to them. It is very important for all involved in animal fighting to be sentenced to the maximum. Our laws must reflect such punishment in order to protect animals. We are their only voice.	
Verna	Brown	TX		
Louise	Florio	NY	It is such a horrific crime for these innocent animals. Certainly, we as a nation should rise above and stop animal abuse. We must protect the innocent and voiceless among us. Thank you for helping to make this a reality.	
Judy	Murray	CO		
Teresa	Patterson	MN	Please let's make this a thing of the past, stop animal fighting.	
mary ann	mollenkamp	CA		
Sameria	Christy	IN		
Brooks	Godwin	VA		
Cindy	Borske	IA		
Jerry	Loupee	GA		
Sherry	Bobick	TX		
Chad	Clark	MO		
Lauri	Arterburn	KS		
Susan	Vaughn	TN		
Brenda	Lopez	VA		
Dr. Douglas E.	Johnston, Jr.	TX		Animal fighting needs to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.
Julie	Silver	OH		
Faye	Bolton	MA	I would like to see anyone involved in animal fighting go to jail for 20 yrs. This is just inhumane. Faye R. Bolton	

Elizabeth	Ladiana	CA	
Kathleen lindsay	Barry kramer	CA SC	<p>Unfortunately human are the most disstructive species on earth. We can be extremely cruel. Dogs and cats just want to be loved they really bring so much joy and happiness to us humans. We should not tolerate this kind of what behavior what so ever. We have to stop it now. Sincerely Kathleen Barry</p> <p>YOU PEOPLE WHO HEAD THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION BETTER START TO DOOOO MORE THAN CRACK DOWN ON THESES SCUMB BAGS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THESES DOG FIGHTING RINGS AND OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH DOGS, ITS REALY REALY BIN MUCH MORE THAN A PROBLEM, SOOOO DOOOO THINGS TO INPROVE THESES PROBLEMS AND MAKE IT STICK AND MAKE IT WORK,THROUGH THESES SCUM BAGS IN JAIL FOR LIFE, AND MAKE IT STICK FOR LIFE, NOT JUST SOME SLAP ON THE WRIST AND THEN LET THEM ALL GOOOO,LIKE THEY DID NOTHING, WAKE UP AND DO THE JOB RIGHT CAUSE IF YOU PEOPLE CANT OR WONT DOOOO THE JOB THE WAY THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE RIGHT THEN I MYSELF NEED A JOB, AND I WILL GET ACTION, YOU SEE I AM NOT AFRAID TO STEP ON ANY ONES TOES AND OR ANY BODYS TOES TO HAVE FAIR JUSTICE DONE, I KNOW I CAM DOOOO THE JOB THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE IN A FAIR AND RIGHT WAY. Dog fighting, and any other animal fighting events, are barbaric. I cannot even imagine watching two animals tearing each other to pieces in front of me. We need strong sentencing laws across the country, handled consistently from one jurisdiction to another.</p> <p>It's a blood sport. People who define this as entertainment are demented.</p> <p>Personally I believe the prison sentence time should reflect the severity of the crime. Some are so horrendous the person should also be punished by doing to them exactly what the person did to the animal - no matter what the crime was! After that the person should spend a minimum of 10 years behind bars with no chance of parole.</p> <p>Dog fighting is a social violence promoter,that is a crime against dogs,and against society.</p> <p>Only the criminals who enable dog fighting profit - please help stop this!</p>
WILLIAM T	WONDOLOWSKI	PA	
Sherry	Toelle	IA	
Paula	Denissen	CO	
Patricia	Cummings	MI	
Erin	Howard	CA	
Nancy	Romary	NC	
Kathe	Garbrick	KS	
mari	elvi	NC	
theresa	lynthlin	VA	
Debby	McRoberts	OH	

Riva	Ko	NY	This matter is extremely important to me. I want to be part of a society in which unwarranted animal cruelty is not tolerated and the perpetrators held fully accountable and punished accordingly. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.
Carol	Hamilton	GA	
Jamie	Land	MO	
Mary	Callen	PA	

M	Watling	VA	I believe such heinous act demands a much bigger punishment. No one is safe when such people are within us who can be so cruel. Even if you are not an animal advocate and have no compassion for animals, you would be at danger if such animal torturers and murderers are nearby. Please keep adding to punishment for such heartless acts that result in unbelievable pain and suffering to most innocent creatures of God. Please help stop animal fighting in the U.S.A., this is a very cruel and inhumane way to treat our precious animals and this practice must finally come to a permanent end once and for all. Sincerely, Eve Hladky
Eve	Hladky	FL	
Vincent	Arroyo	FL	

Tonya	Alt	IL	People who use animals for fighting, is just disgraceful! They have no shame. Who would put an animal through that, really... Lets make the punishment fit the crime. These people need to know that what they are doing is a crime, and will not be tolerated.
Maria	Flizak	FL	
John	Van Horn	MO	

Debra	Gagliano	NV	Dog fighting is a serious and brutal crime which should be punished by the maximum sentence.
Heidi	Luallen	AL	

Jackie	Creager	MI	?The assumption that animals are without rights and the illusion that our treatment of them has no moral significance is a positively outrageous example of Western crudity and barbarity. Universal compassion is the only guarantee of morality.? ? Arthur Schopenhauer, The Basis of Morality
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Rachel	Careau	NY	I believe it is our responsibility as human beings both to respect and to protect the animals in our care. Animal fighting is a cruel abdication of that responsibility, and the sentencing of offenders should reflect the gravity of their offense.
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DENISE	CAFFO	FL	<p>This is a brutal crime on animals and needs to be punishable by law. Michael Vick got away with murder, animal abuse and animal neglect and it wasn't right. These animals are living breathing creatures with feelings and unconditional love. Humans who mistreat and down right abuse them should be thrown in jail and forgotten about.</p>
Marsha	Rosa-Gilligan	NJ	
Dave and Rita	Cross	TX	<p>Dog and cock fighting are brutal blood sports that only hurt the animals! Greed causes the suffering the animals must endure! Children often attend these cruel events which, in our opinion, constitutes child abuse! Wagers are made on the outcome of this vicious fights as well! We urge you to make the punishment for these people, including the onlookers, as strong as possible! Without it, we will not deter this horrid business that maims and kills innocent dogs and chickens!</p>
L H	McNew	GA	
Mary	Jackson	IL	<p>I doubt seriously that any penalties you are considering comport with my opinion of what should be done with these sick people. People who abuse animals are so deranged that they should be put away permanently. Look at http://www.takepart.com/article/2012/11/01/eye-eye-or-slap-wrist-what-kind-punishments-should-animal-abusers-get if you need more details. These people can't be fixed. They really deserve the ultimate punishment.</p>
Laura	McKinney	CA	
Rebecca	Toney	MS	<p>Please help punish those who hurt the animals who cannot speak for themselves.</p>
Debra	Wilson	MD	
talila	stan	MD	
Sara	Stone	FL	

I feel that animal cruelty should be punishable for the maximum punishment these animals have no voice so I will be their voice all these animals want is love and affection and of course food and water. What I would love to do is punish the person the same way they did to the animal then maybe they would think I hate people who hurt animals the thing that gets me is that u the government don't care you think oh these are just animals but if you are ever in a fire or someone tried to come into your house they would protect you I was in a fire in my apartment building sleeping when a fire broke out on the first floor if not for my cat jumping on my chest and meowing so loud I would have never known happy to say my family and my cat made it out alive I guess he figured I saved his life from the streets so he wanted to pay it foward

Lisa	Savitt	NY
Jane	Rudner	FL
Melissa	Holzner	IL
William	Powell	PA
Gail	Koch	MD
janet	howells	AZ

Please put an end to this brutal practice.

Sandra	Miners	WI
Susan	Lantow	IL
Glenna	Volpe	OR
Chris	Horton	NY

PLEASE, ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS ARE TO BE LOVED AND HONORED FOR THE UN SELFISH LOVE THEY GIVE EXPECTING NOTHING BUT THE LOVE WE OWE THEM. WHY BEAT TORTURE AND BE CRUEL TO ANIMALS THAT ARE SO TENDER AND GOD GIVEN FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIVES TO ENJOY!!!!

Gloria	Callahan	SC
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The hellish abuse of animals in the world of dog fighting affects more than the dogs forced to fight to the death, but the bait animals as well. They are used in training the fighting dogs, and are often torn apart, living in misery until they die. A fighting animal who does perform well meets a gruesome death at the hands of its owners. The people who attend these fights often bring their children, who learn that it is alright to brutalize and exploit animals for profit. The female dogs in their breeding programs suffer horribly as they are fastened in "rape stands" while males are allowed to repeatedly assault them. The people who organize and profit from this barbaric cruelty are the lowest levels of society, and will only be deterred by punishment harsh enough to fit this detestable crime. Please, make the strong and the punishment hard.

Betty	Moss	TX	<p>It is essential that we have severe penalties for animal fighting.</p> <p>If we have any hope of being a civil and humane society, we must ensure that those without a voice have humans to protect them. Dogs and cats are sentient beings, not property. It is a privilege to be a pet owner, to be their steward, their advocate. Not everyone has the intestinal fortitude or emotional strength to be a pet parent; not every human needs to or should be a human parent and that is okay. No judgement on choice. What we do need to judge are those who abuse animal. They must be punished, fined and sentenced. We are their voice.</p>
Pamela	Sclafani	NY	<p>Animal cruelty disguised as sport must stop! The Commonwealth of Virginia has an exile law that states 'anyone caught with a firearm while committing a felony or strong misdemeanor will go away for an additional 5 years'. It should be that way if someone is dog fighting as well. If they are in possession of a firearm, then tack on another 5 years to their sentence as well. This would be mandatory with no parole. Hence the EXILE.</p>
Leonard	Settle	NC	
Wendy	Cruikshank	FL	
Malcolm	Rex	AL	
Helene	Green	OR	<p>Someone who has not seen the horrors of this crime may not have enough information & therefore compassion for these defenseless, voiceless animals subjected to the cruelty & horrors of fighting just for the pleasure & profit of so called humans devoid of anything other than self-interest. Please help these innocents by being their voice for stronger legislation to end this abominable sport.</p>
Pat	Kolchins	CA	<p>We absolutely must increase cost to the people that support animal fighting to the point they stop. Thanks</p>
David	Hribar	AK	PLEASE STOP ANIMAL FIGHTING!
Maria	Protis	WA	
Stephanie	Carter	AZ	Let the punishment fit the crime.
Ami	Wisdom	TX	

Sue	Hansen	OR	<p>I still say that the prime should fit the punishment you make animals fight one another then you are to put their owners in with the dogs and make them fight or maybe owner against owner you know it's just it's just not right put him in jail Lockeway the key it's not going to help I still say that the prime should fit the punishment you make animals fight one another then you are to put their owners in with the dogs and make them fight or maybe owner against owner you know it's just it's just not right put him in jail Lockeway the key it's not going to help because when they get when they get out they'll just do it again so you need to make the fines and the punishment more stern</p> <p>Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.</p>
Bronwen	Evans	WA	<p>This practice to find sport in the deaths of innocent dogs that would protect their owners TO THEIR DEATHS must be stopped. They are our protectors and closest animals companions and deserve better lives than to be made a sport while they give their very lives!</p>
Linda	Bates	ME	
C.S.	Wade	IL	–
Kathy	Bayley	CA	
Anna	Powers	ME	
Johan	Klep-Egge	MD	Please consider a very severe punishment for this pathetic form of entertainment. Sincerely, Johan Klep-Egge
Robert	Barber	NH	
Jackie	Wolf	WA	Animal fighting is a horrible "sport". It is undoubtedly cruel, mean and heartless. Animals don't have a choice when forced to fight ... and always there is blood and pain and sometimes, mercifully, death. Please recognize this practice for what it is: inhumane and inexcusable. Please do all you can to ensure that perpetrators are punished by imprisonment with a maximum sentence and let us hope this works as some kind of deterrent. It is up to you to speak for abused animals.
Beverly	Hovsepian	CA	
Jen	Rbat	IL	

Name	State	Response
TAMI Kathryn	GILBREATH Watkins TX MD	COMMISSIONERS :1 WRITE-2-THANK-U--4-CONSIDERING AN""AMENDMENT""-2-""THE ANIMAL FIGHTING GUIDELINES""-N--UR-2015/2016""AMENDMENT CYCLE""I URGE-U--2- "ACT!!!!"THIS CYCLE"-2-"UPDATE"--"THE GUIDELINES"-2-BETTER REFLECT--""THE****MAXIMUM****""PRISON SENTENCE OF{5}YEARS""!!!!PRESCRIBED BY"CONGRESS"-N-2008'....FEDERAL JUDGES DEFER-2-"THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES"WHEN FACED WITH UNFAMILIAR"CRIMES LIKE DOG FIGHTING"SO-UR-"ACTION IS CRITICAL"-2-INSURE THAT THESE"CRIMES"-R-"SENTENCED APPROPRIATELY & DETERRED"AS MUCH AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE"!!!!!!!!THANX VERY MUCH-4-UR-CONSIDERATION-2-THIS""URGENT MATTER""!!!!..
Priscilla	Delaney PA	We need to see these people that abuse animals, rather fighting or burning alive like the article I just read about this week and severeley punish them. Not a slap on the hand or community service. Hard labor and jail with stiff fines. Or better yet, release them to people like me that honestly could hang them from the highest tree. I really don't think it would bother me to do it to them. Such punks.
Janet	Allan FL	These cruelly abused animals are depending on you to speak for them, please act now!
Jean	Shea MA	We have a pit bull. She is the sweetest dog we ever had. The thought of her being used for dog fighting would be sickening. I would settle for 10 years. That is what they deserve.
Elizabeth Robert	Oland Ford PA WY	Please send the message to animal abusers with your actions that this behavior will receive stronger punishment. Frankly, I think 5 years is too little time, but it's a start. Many of these people already are or go on to abuse others, and participate in violent crimes and/or gang activities. Thank you for your support of this important legal matter.
Kim Crys	Burton Turner FL VA	Personally I do not think any length of prison time would be sufficient. The people who commit these types of inhumane acts should be put to death. Please amend the dog fighting guidelines punishment to reflect maximum. This is the only way to deter the torture of the innocent animals by those subhumans using the animal for their selfish monetary benefit. Its time to stand up for the animal and NOT the animal abuser.
Jeffrey	Hill FL	
Beth	barber NJ	

As I assume you know, those who are cruel to animals often go on to be violent toward people. Desensitizing children to cruelty warps them for life. So even if you do not care about the suffering of animals per se (which I cannot imagine, but . . .), this is a very important change for the sake of humans.

Marcia	Peters	MA
Amy	Gault	TN
Donna	Shaffer	PA
Olga	Abella	IL
Nicole	Shaffer	CO
Beverly	Hammond	NC
Janet	Houle	MI

This is such a horrific crime and the punishment for those promoting dog fighting should be as strict as possible. I adopted a dog that was used as bait in a dog fighting ring and the abuse he suffered was unbelievable. Please do what you can to stop this.

Jackye	Haas	TN
STEPHEN	BOBBS	PA
Vicki	Butler	CA

Give the people who generate dog fighting the maximum sentencing to let the other animal abusers know that kind of violence on dogs is not acceptable, make them pay for their crime. This really needs to stop for the poor animals sake.
The toughest punishment possible

Lolita	Lewis	NJ
Sheri	Randall	OH
Rose	Jones	CO
Kel	Wall	TN
Fiona	Barrett	WA
Tiffany	Coley	GA
Denie	English	TX
Susan	Thompson	NH
Judy	Mueller	NY
Norma	Vara	NC
Laura	McKinney	CA

Please outlaw this barbarously cruel pursuit. Thanks!

Stella aka Patricia	Craig	UT
Cindy	Hoyle	IL
Dorothy	Labi	NY

Crack down on and up the penalty and punishment for any and all animal cruelty & fighting!!!

Dog fighting is an egregious "sport". It should be eliminated; any person caught attending, or knowing the whereabouts of dog fights & not notifying authorities, should be charged with a heavy fine. As for the individual(or individuals) owning the location of the fight, their fine should be astronomical.

Nancy	Mehan	AR
Gail	Fitzgerald	NV
Trish	Bunyard	OR
Suzanne	Stoeckel	WA
john	gibb	MA
Sarah	Wilson	IA
Charles A.	Kush III	NJ
Catherine	Ross	WA
Debbie	Cieplinski	PA
Linda	Bates	ME

Please pass this amendment to ensure that proper penalties are given for this violent crime.

Beverly	Levreault	NY
Kelly	Swan	KY
Ann	Garner	GA
Jeffrey	Hill	FL
Linda	Maines	SC
Karen	Denes	CA
Tracey	Mangus	PA

Please do the right thing to stop the brutality of animal fighting. Create appropriate sentencing of this serious CRIME

k.	renshaw	RI
Alexandra	Tabler	DE
Tracy	carroll	CA
Kelly	Gardner	PA
Rosanne	Anderson	WA

Please amend federal animal fighting sentencing guidelines to more accurately reflect the seriousness of this crime.

Dennis	Duft	AZ
Robin	Lim	NY
marcy	wasinski	IN
sandra	weissman	FL

PLEASE stop this Now!!!

It is so very important to stop this animal abuse and suffering. Please make sure these abusers pay for their crimes against animals with the maximum prison sentence of 5 years.

Linda	Cotton	CA
Dyana	M	ID

Fiona	Barrett	WA	—
Grace	Koson	IL	
Robert D	Finley	AZ	Animal fighting for pleasure and profits must become a felony with the harshest penalties possible.
Ellen	Alexander	CO	
joy	clingman	FL	
Andi	LaForme	CO	
Robin	Stonebridge	NY	
			It is a disgrace that people would have these innocent dogs fighting in such horrible fights. They fight to death and if they lose, the owner might kill them anyway. It should be a big crime with jail time. Even for the people who bet on these dogs or even for anybody who is there at the fight. These dogs don't deserve this so please make it a high crime with lots of fines and jail time for anybody who is involved with such a horrible event. We can end dog fighting with only your help. Just imagine if you were the dog. It's a horrible life, but together we can end it! Thank you. Tara.
Tara	O'Sullivan	NJ	
Kristen	Howard	MI	
Laura	LaRocca	CA	
Stanna	Wray	OH	
			Thank you for your consideration. Personally I think the Minimum should be 5 yrs. Dog fighting (any animal fighting) is cruel and disgusting and those that have a financial gain or even attend these fights should be sentenced to time in jail.
Ashley	Twigg	PA	Thank you again for your consideration.
Jean	Cervi	PA	
Robin	Lim	NY	
			Dog-fighting is a vicious and cruel enterprise. It encourages callousness in people and tortures innocent animals. They deserve much better and should have our protection.
Helen	Seppala	IL	this is evil dogs deserve love and caring not killing and fighting each other. The people who do this need life without parole and a multimillion dollar fine.
Connie	Yost	KS	Animal fighting is barbaric!!
Denie	English	TX	
Anders, jr	Hengsteler	FL	
			Dog fighting is a vicious sport, and people who participate in vicious sports where they themselves are not the fighters should be in jail. Nobody has a right to put someone else in the ring, including animals, and watch them rip each other apart.
Leslie	Cirigliano	UT	This is a crime against life!
KIMBERLY	Clark	NJ	Adopt your best friend don't buy him.

Meghan	Chambers	PA	
Lynnette	Burton	AL	
Lisa	Salazar	CA	This horrific crime must end now! Unlike many types of animal cruelty, animal fighting is accepted -- even glamorized -- in certain U.S. subcultures. We must take serious steps to eradicate this evil that degrades our society and desensitizes human spectators and participants to violence of all forms.
Rebecca	Howe	AZ	
Tracy	carroll	CA	
ramona	Freeman	AZ	
Sandra	Dragan	IL	There needs to be, much stronger laws, to help protect Dogs, against this horrible Dog fighting business! it's madness & it needs to be stopped! These Dogs, don't deserve to be put in that position! They deserve so much more better treatment than this! Help END Dog Fighting! be their voice!
Gwen	Duft	AZ	Please increase the penalty for animal fighting. Animal fighting is as bad as if they beat the dogs themselves, and peoe that watch or take part in anyway as criminal also and all should have a stiff jail sentence and HUGE fine for this action. Despicable people!!!
Jennifer	Hennes	IL	Dog fighting, any animal fighting, is wrong in so many ways. Haven't you ever loved a four legged family member so much so that they were a part of the family? Would you let that family member get torn to shreds just for your enjoyment? Doubt it. Please stand up and be the voice of the less fortunate who don't have loving parents to do right by them! Please crack down on the evil humans who get pleasure out of hurting our four legged family members!
Victoria	Lewis	NY	
Hilma	Wingard	PA	
Natalia	Petrashevskaya	MD	
Virginia	Pabst	OR	
Julie	Sasaoka	CA	
Gina	Morrison	CA	This country needs to protect these dogs from this cruelty!!
Barbara	Mundie	MA	
Dyana	M	ID	
Christie	Ulrich	CT	
Freya	Paccione	NY	
Julia	Schroter	TN	
melanie	rushing	TX	
Lee	Birhl	TX	Please take a real stand and make the punishment fit the crime.
Meg	Seltzer	CA	

Balentino Perez UT
GLEN BRAMMER IN

Lillian Hyland FL

Laura Cox MA

Terry Joe NJ
Eva Bentz CO
Dorothy Labi NY
Nancy Lambert CO

Eileen Karzen CA

marie dixon OR
Diane Pimpinello NC
Lon LeValley WA
Ruth Byington NY
Mary Cross FL
Bronwen Evans WA

Please stop this illegal and inhumane practice! The criminals who commit these crimes must be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

This is a barbaric form of sports "entertainment" and the forced suffering of innocent animals should be met with the same punishment as human to human heinous crimes! There has also been evidence that family dogs have been stolen and used as opening events in these dog fights. Imagine your own family dog stolen and then placed in the ring with a vicious brainwashed killer dog, to survive and most likely die to add to the thrill of a horrible killing event. Man has had centuries to purge himself of this lust for blood purchased at the cost of innocent lives. Those who run these blood events should be made aware that they will not get off. The animal fighting guidelines must be put on the federal books so that sentencing is no longer ambiguous!

Please strengthen the federal animal fighting sentencing guidelines to more accurately reflect the seriousness of this crime by amending them. This brutality must stop. Thank you. Animal fighting, especially dog fighting, is a scourge we cannot seem to erase in the US. Please act to update the sentencing guidelines to 5 years. We need to do more to discourage people from thinking animal is not a serious crime. Please help animals who cannot defend themselves.

—
Mary K. Cross

DEAR SIRS/MADAMS. THIS IS VERY BAD FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR FAMILY 4 LEGGED AND 2 LEGGED. THIS CRUELTY MUSSSSSSSSTTTT STOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE PULL FORTH A BILL TO ELIMINATE THIS. IF PEOPLE WISH TO SEE THIS SPORT THEN THEY CAN WATCH WITH TV FOR 2 LEGGED ONES WHO DISPLAY A CHOICE!! I AM NOT CRAZY ABOUT THAT EITHER BUT AT LEAST WE 2 LEGGED ONES HAVE A CHOICE!!! THIS CRUELTY MUST BE "ELIMINATED" AND YOU MUST BE "EXPEDIENT"!!!! WE HERE IN CAMBRIA HEIGHTS NEW YORK WANT THIS BILL TO END THE FIGHTING TO BE PUSHED THROUGH IMMEDIATELY. GOD BLESS YOU WALK WITH CHRIST THESE ARE THE END TIMES AND LAST DAYS CHRIST JESUS NEEDS A RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF US GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU

JEANNE	FLEMING	NY
Lisa	Salazar	CA
Ginny	Vitera	CO

This sickening, horrific crime must end now.

Maybe we can finally see a difference if people who are involved in animal fighting see that there are serious consequences. For these horrible things that are being done for enjoyment and profit, people deserve the maximum 5 year prison sentence. Again, thank you for your your help.

Karin	Wilson	AZ
Rosanne	Anderson	WA
Terri	Cox	FL
Susan	Michalczak	FL
GLORIA	WADE	MD
Natalie	Van Leekwijck	OR

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In determining the sentences for animal fighting guidelines please keep in mind a picture of one dog being torn apart by other dogs not able to defend itself. Lying helpless on the ground bleeding, wreathing in pain, while sicko people cheer at the depravity of the aggressors ripping that poor bait dog into pieces, dragged, thrown in the air, crying in pain, then death, just for the pleasure of sicko people. There is more than one Michael Vick out there and they need to be stopped with harsher jail time. They should never own an animal of any kind. In 2015 we adopted Gay been married but now another concern with the Animal Fighting Should be Abolish. Like the Philippines culture should be abolish about cooking dogs n cats. This is barbaric in 2015 this should not been seen. Severe sentences should be done! MN
Please raise the penalty for people who inflict pain and torture on these helpless creatures.

Anna	Powers	ME
Marianne	Novak	CA
april	markul	IN
Laura	Cox	MA
Jacqueline	Bobnick	PA

maybe it was Gandhi who said that one mark of a civilized society is the way it treats its animals. Animal circuses of any kind, cock-fights, and dog-fights all point to deeper problems within the American soul. Those who torture animals are criminals. Please sentence such perverts harshly to show everyone what the US feels about this depravity. Even the Chinese dog-meat festival at least kills the dogs Fighting dogs who live through it can take no comfort at "winning" the "privilege" to go at it again, and again, to the greater glory and profit and pride of a group of sadistic, bloody, barbaric, chaw-chomping, gun-toting, troglodytes (who probably beat their wives, too.) And Just AWFUL!!!!!! Put them in prison for a long, long time. Please.

Rebecca Richardson MO
Melissa Lucero CO

Please act on this to let the perpetrators know their actions will have real costs. Besides the dogs the abuse and mistreatment of the dogs that they train to fight, there are other dogs used as bait animals, it is brutal and inhumane. Please help to bring an end to this. Thank you.

Erin McMahon CO

Animal fighting of any kind is horrendous and should have been eliminated as soon as it started. The people who do this should be punished to the full extent of the law. It my hope that those responsible will be punished as much as possible!

Jacqueline Harrell IN
jeff hopkins IL

Animal fighting is a very serious issue that needs to be dealt with in a serious way, to protect the welfare of our animals. The sentencing guidelines need to incorporate this maximum increase to five years, which was passed by Congress back in 2008 as a result of the horrible Michael Vick dog fighting case. Increased sentencing guidelines would help protect dogs from the horrifying pain and suffering they go through as a result of the awful activity of dog fighting. The brutality of dog fighting, and the tremendous harm it does to our wonderful dog friends must be reflected in the sentences handed down by judges in these cases. Please add an amendment to reflect these increased sentencing guidelines. Commissioners, thanks for your consideration and action!

Bernard Shire PA
Tanya Cash AZ
Lainy Mistich TX

Please care. :)

fighting and charged the same - assault, battery and abuse. It teaches people and kids how to be cruel and abusive. It needs to be stopped and the only way to do so is to make it a large penalty and time in jail as for other felonies. "Are there other concerns? Yes. Numerous law enforcement raids have unearthed many disturbing facets of this illegal "sport." Young children are sometimes present at the events, which can promote insensitivity to animal suffering, enthusiasm for violence, and disrespect for the law. Illegal gambling is the norm at dogfights. Dog owners and spectators wager thousands of dollars on their favorites. Firearms and other weapons have been found at dogfights because of the large amounts of cash present. Dogfighting has also been connected to other kinds of violence?even homicide, according to newspaper reports. In addition, illegal drugs are often sold and used at dogfights. Why should dogfighting be a felony offense? There are several compelling reasons. Because dogfighting yields such large profits for participants, the minor penalties associated with misdemeanor convictions are not a sufficient deterrent. Dogfighters merely absorb these fines as part of the cost of doing business. The cruelty inherent in dogfighting should be punished by more than a slap on the wrist. Dogfighting is not a spur-of-the-moment act; it is a premeditated and cruel practice. Those involved in dogfighting go to extensive lengths to avoid detection by law enforcement, so investigations can be difficult, dangerous, and expensive. Law enforcement officials are more inclined to investigate dogfighting if it is a felony. As more states make dogfighting a felony offense, those remaining states with low penalties will become magnets for dogfighters. Do some states already have felony laws? Yes. Dogfighting is a felony offense in all 50 states,

Samaria	Christy	IN
Paula	Thomson	MD
Susan	Thurairatnam	GA
Joella	Miller	CA
jon	gould	WI
susie	owens	FL
Valerie	Morgan	VA
Cari	Lyttle	CA
Mike	Aldana	TX
Claire	W	MO
Donna	Feirtag	VA
KATHRYN	CLINE	IL

These little animals are God's creatures.
When we allow animals to tear each other apart for our entertainment, WE are the animals.

Stephanie	Smith	CA	Dog fighting need to stop when any person or persons are caught they should spend jail time. This is animal abuse Congress needs to step up in behalf of our animal. We also need stronger laws on neutering and spaying your animals. Stop puppy mills!!
Martha	Drury	CA	
elaine	sharp	CA	
Lee	Tejeda	OK	
Dennis	Tackett	VA	Dog fighters need to be punished severely. Their property where these fights occur should also be subject to forfeiture.
Marsha	Rector	IN	The law needs to be strengthened/implemented by maximizing prison sentences for dog fighting crimes. With higher penalties "enforced" this will help curb future animal fighting crimes.
			Learn what this crime against involves and then make a decision or better yet go to a dog fight and then make a decision. These poor animals do not have a voice but I do and you must stop the cruelty to animals. This is a horrendous crime to animals and it must have a sentence that is befitting the crime, in hopes that it will stop all of thie animal cruelty.
Barbara	Powell	WA	
Deo	Schlupp	CO	
Brenda	Korte	CA	
			I AM BEGGING THE FEDERAL JUDGES & ALL OF THE LEGISLATORS/LAWMAKERS TO FORM TOUGHER LAWS FOR CRIMINALS REGARDING DOG (ALL ANIMAL) FIGHTING. THIS IS A HORRENDOUS CRIME & THE ANIMALS NEED OUR HELP TO PROTECT THEM & TO FIGHT FOR THEM. GIVE MORE JAIL TIME TO THE ABUSERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Tanya	Nemirovich	CT	
Virginia	Pabst	OR	
Linda	Agee	OH	No animal should have to fight for their life at the hands of two legged animals (humans).

Animal Abuse and Dog Fighting is cruel and does not receive enough publicity, or enough to deter it by lax laws and punishments. These crimes are hand in hand parts of other criminal activity and promoted for easy money by criminals and those who would impart criminal acts and evil unto others. It is cruel abuse and torture to line the pockets of criminals with illegal funds. If someone would do some of the evil that is done to dogs and other domestic pet animals, they will have NO issues in visiting the same evils upon their fellow man if it will make them any easy, illegal gain. You may not be able to deter the evil, maligned intent in some men's hearts, but at least you can make it much more difficult, or not worth the risk to do this bit of evil in dog fighting, by making the penalty much more severe and more easily enforced by Judges. Its inhuman to let animals tear each other apart to entertain sick human beings!

Ryan	Pack	IN
Glen	Holt	PA
Nancy	Crowley	CA
JoAnn	Keith	TX
Susan	Remington	MI
Rebecca	Levine	GA
Judith	Anable	WA
Tina	Colafranceschi	CA
Susan	Thurairatnam	GA
shea	Fox	FL
Mona	Werner	TX
Donna	Berry	NH
Karen	Denes	CA
lynne	rosenfield	CO
jeanne	stulb	LA
Michelle	Schnoor	MD
alice	perales	KY
Sylvia	Dwyer	NH
Kathryn	Watkins	MD
Doris	Garvey	MA

The only way this cruel practice will be stopped is by harsher punishment! These poor animals deserve better treatment and protection!

people that are this cold and callous need to be punished to the maximum extent possible as a deterrent to this horrific crime.

We must speak for those who cannot speak for themselves and protect them as much as possible. Animal abuse is as bad as child abuse !!!!! These are helpless victims and the punishment shud be as harsh as the abuse these abusers dish out!!!!!!

KC	Courney	CO	<p>I hope you will sign this. Just keep in mind that these animals have feelings, and not all of them want to fight. They are fighting for their lives. Some are just thrown away like so much trash and left to die. So please take time to sign the amendment. Thank you.</p> <p>We should have advanced well beyond this as the greatest nation in the world. If we don't do something to help correct this injustice to animals we are no better than the third world countries we read about. Let's rise above this. Please.</p> <p>Causing pain to an animal for profit or enjoyment should carry a strong punishment. The stiffer the better.</p> <p>I fully support Stronger Federal Animal Fighting Sentencing For those who take advantage of loving helpless animals.</p> <p>People who enjoy watching dogs ripping each other apart are sick and dangerous and should be given maximum prison time. Animal fighting is a senseless and cruel "sport". Punishment of such a crime should be heavy and enforced so as to discourage the practice. These animals are innocent victims and deserve protection. The public, who cares for and rehabilitates the animals that are lucky enough to survive, have a heavy burden as well. Please do your part to help stop this sad display of humane evilness.</p> <p>Amend the federal guidelines to reflect the seriousness of the crime for the 2015/2016 guideline, the punishment should fit the crime!</p> <p>Please, crack down on these people that do this to these dogs. It's pitiful that these dogs have to go thru this. It's such a shame. Dogs are God's gift to mankind. They should never be abused! Please take action on this, please.</p>
Dollie	Winkler	OH	
Paula	Brister	LA	
Milli	Barton	CO	
Eva	Bentz	CO	
Bahareh	Kianpourian	VA	
Linda	Maines	SC	
Martha	Sucher	WA	
sandra	saccani	AZ	
Jaymie	Corey	TX	
Andi	LaForme	CO	
Lori	King	CA	
dale	umscheid	KS	
Minnie	Lee	NY	
Kelly	Shanklin	NC	
Victoria	Cramer	PA	
shirley	burga	MI	
Madelyn	Reid	FL	
joyce	hages	CA	
Ken	Galica	MI	
Patricia	Jones	MS	

Beth	barber	NJ	
Shari	kha	CA	Any one who has a dog knows- dogs are loyal and loving and shouldn't be placed into these abusive situations. A person who has no empathy for dogs, has no empathy.
Ryan	Earl	TX	aspca does great work
Richard	Patten	MN	Animal cruelty is a crime. Prosecute it. I know it won't completely stop dog fighting rings but if there are stiffer penalties that are strictly enforced without allowing pleas down to lesser charges, maybe these human animals will think twice before committing such atrocities. Thank you Carla M Vaughan
carla	vaughan	OH	
Argero	Fafalios	PA	
Anita	Pickett	TX	
Denise	Byrne	MI	Animal fighting should be punished with jail sentences and massive fines. Offenders shouldn't get a slap on the wrist. They should be sent to jail for a very long time.
Sue	Webb	OR	Please end this horrendous act.
Elizabeth	Banov	NY	
John	Falk	NY	
Camillo	Cipolla	CA	
DM	Glick	NY	The maximum sentence should be increased - five years is not enough for the unspeakable cruelty some people inflict on animals. They should also be microchipped and red-flagged to all animal rescue organizations so that they don't fall under the rug and try to do it again.
Helen	Taylor	WA	We are supposed to be a civilized country. Setting animals to fight one another for our entertainment, is degrading and cruel. Animal fighting of any kind is horrifically barbaric, often involving extreme torture of the dogs, in a addition to that of smaller animals for baits. It is the actions of sick-minded persons, psychopathic personalities, and sadists. Of course, many of the participants are involved in other criminal activities. These abhorrent individuals should receive the harshest of sentencing. Anyone who can perpetrate such horrific cruelty on animals has crossed the line of inhumanity and will never be worthy of "human" status. They are just too indifferent to the suffering of any living being.
Pat	Parran	MD	
Paula	Berenda	CA	
Carol	reed	IN	5 years is a good start, life for repeat offenders
Mitchell	Tingiris	NY	It is way past time to do something about this.
David	Pickens	NC	

			Animal fighting and cruelty is just a step along the way to felonious behavior to humans also. Cruelty to the helpless should be punished no matter what.
Dennis	Sebastian	FL	
Johnette	Brewer	CO	This is nothing short of a heinous crime.....
Julie	Brouse	DC	
Ruth	Johnston	WI	
Christine	Mosso	FL	
Susan	Downes	NY	
			What is there to discuss? Dog fighting is barbaric and inhumane. It is NOT a sport! Those who participate at any level are no better than the Romans who threw humans to the lions. I had hoped that our society had evolved beyond such barbarism. The only guidelines should be at least 20 years in prison and confiscation of all assets for anyone owning fighting dogs and 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for all spectators. If the punishment is not severe enough, the crime will not stop.
Karen	Kirchdoerfer	PA	
Dr. Douglas E.	Johnston, Jr.	TX	—
Julie	Lancaster	KS	
			These heartless individuals should serve at least 5 years in jail. This dog fighting gives the Pit Bull a bad reputation and many are put to death just for that reason. These dogs have "rights" and must be treated with respect and love as all animals should. A "felony" charge should be applied to anyone who passes the line of any animal abuse- without question!!!
Janice	Thompson	CA	
dana	woods	AZ	
			It is really cruel abuse to the animals having to fight. The animals are the ones that have to take all the PAIN and even DEATH in these fights, just so the looker ons bet on a dog. So it is all about MONEY and not the care of the dogs. THIS NEEDS HARSHER PUNISHMENT TO THESE PEOPLE FIGHTING THE DOGS, NOT JUST A SLAP ON THEIR WRIST. BECAUSE THEY WILL GET MORE DOGS AND FIND A NEW PLACE TO DO IT AGAIN. ANIMAL ABUSE OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE A FELONY IN ALL 50 STATES.
Mary	Fox	NC	
			Animal cruelty in any form is wrong and should receive a firm sentencing. But i think dog fighting like some other where groups of people stand around and watch as two dogs literally tear each other apart should receive the heaviest punishment.
ANTHONY	VILLAROSA	IL	
MARY BETH	BLACK	GA	More time behind bars!

It's time for an end of suffering and the fear these poor animal's endure and continue they are voiceless. Since when does a human who harms these innocent victims got any rights? No cause and effect, give them the same mercy they bestowed in the dogs!

Dione	Morrison	NY
Kendall	Murken	CA
lili	lebreton	MA
SHIRLEY	GARMON	IL

Barbara	Capps	NC
Sharon	White	AL
LAULLEN	OLESEN	AZ
Dan	McCurdy	IL
Rose	Cody	AR
Susanne	Hartwell	WA

Please make this issue a priority. We should not not such a horrible thing as animal fighting in the USA. Thank you.

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Wendy	Hirschman	TX
Annmarie	Catenacci	MI
Pat	ODonnell	IL

People who fight dogs for money or any other reason should be sentenced to the maximum amount of the law. Please enforce the laws concerning it. Thank you for your time.

Carole	Bronico	PA
Karen	Ladebush	NH
Charlene	Campbell	PA

Please help to end all animal abuse. Please help stop animal fighting in the US. Make sure that those who commit the crime are justly punished. I firmly believe that anyone who could participate in animal fighting can never be rehabilitated. A person has to be missing any sense of right and wrong in order to commit this crime.

There is nothing I hate more than dogfighting!

I truly believe that five years is not a strong enough deterrent. Animal fighting is a vile and disgusting crime of pure greed. Perpetrators have no regard for a living animal. They will use, abuse, and discard animals as easily as they take a breath. The reason they do this time and time again is they feel that animals aren't worthy, the animals are vulnerable, and the person feels that the consequences are not that severe, so there's no need to change course. Animals are expendable and easily replaced in the eyes of this person. Such attitudes are easily transferrable. If that were true, ALL of us would be vulnerable in the eyes of animal fighter at some time. That puts all of us at risk, including children, disabled, elderly, or disadvantaged. We must do more, MUCH more to protect animals. Our society should not simply give a slap on the wrist to someone who would abuse or mistreat or engage in fighting animals. What we allow to happen to the most vulnerable will one day come back to haunt each and every one of us. We have to speak up for those who can't. We have a moral obligation to do that for those who cannot protect themselves - be they animal or human. We must send a stronger message that this miscreant behavior will no longer be tolerated. Period. Please hear the voices of countless citizens in this country who are demanding that we match this evil crime with the punishment that it truly deserves. If the punishment is severe enough, I would wager that the animal fighting industry would be dry up and disintegrate. Wouldn't it be nice if we could finally say that animal fighting is a thing of the past in this country?

Daurie	Simmons	VA
Barbara	Hegedus	PA
Patricia	Mallery	OR
Toni	Cutson	NC
Judy	Bash	AR
Evette	Pike	FL
Mandy	Seymer	MD
Jean	Sim	MA

Please update these guidelines. Dog fighting (animal fighting in general)is barbaric and the animals suffer dearly.

Sentences must be raised! There is not too much difference in hurting/killing a dog then it is a child. Dogs have the same feelings as humans and are just as vulnerable as children. It is up to us to make this stop!

The owners of fighting dogs are the criminals. I would like to see more investigation into those in charge of arranging the venues and all dog owners setting up their dogs to fight. These dogs are the innocent ones and are labeled with death sentences due to owner ignorance. Fighting and aggressive dogs can be rehabilitated in shelters equipped with trained individuals. I request that you look into the work being done at Pit Bulls and Parolees in Louisiana (vrcpitbull.com) where parolees take responsibility for the care and retraining of these dogs. They are supervised by Tia Torres who has run her program for the past 15+ years. Another program is in the Gwinnett County Jail and the program is named "Operation Jail Dogs". At this venue dogs (and cats) are brought into the jail and live with 1 parolee 24/7. Volunteers from SPCA help the parolees learn how to train their dogs to the point that the dogs are available for adoption. These programs have proven that parolees gain valuable experience in learning to care for others, take responsibility for their actions, and learn valuable life lessons that would help reduce the recidivism rate when they are released. I urge you to take a look at these 2 programs and see if you don't agree that this program should be in jails and prisons across the country. The bill in question is regarding sentencing protocol for offenders and the programs I have offered will reduce the need for sentencing dog fighting offenders and would also serve to change the unfair stigma placed on the fighting dogs.

Donna Amidon NV

Please include this amendment to the 2015/2016 amendment cycle. There should be no toleration for any kind of animal fighting that is allowed, and anyone doing so should be punished accordingly. The inhumane treatment of animals, both during and outside of the forced fighting; is utterly heartbreaking, and we need to do all we can to stop this. Please help us and animal fighting and punish those people who are involved in any way, with it.

Nathalie Collins-Moon WA
 Sherry Seibold TX
 Lorraine Gauthier ME

Please make the punishment fit the crime. There is no excuse for cruelty to nonhuman animals, they are innocents in this world. The human animal needs to learn that we are also an animal and the only one that kills and tortures for fun. This must be stopped, all animals, human and nonhuman feel the same emotions. Please make the punishment strong enough to put an end to this cruelty.

ELIZABETH TUCKER-GRAHAM WY
 Kelly Fagan WA

			If you could throw them in a cage and leave them. But since that won't happen! We have the right to demand a stronger sentence for these heartless individuals. The south just dump animals. What the public doesn't understand is the vets need service dogs and therapy dogs. Life gets so hard at times to just to have that love and loyalty from them.
marie	boyd	GA	
Ann	Lauffer	PA	
			These poor dogs are subjected to a terrible life. Their nappy, normal, healthy lives are STOLEN from them by terrible, greedy, cold-hearted people. No animals should have to suffer the fate of being harnessed by a thick, heavy cord around their necks, only to be off of their tethers when they are put in a ring and made to chew and bite on another dog, or worse, be chewed on and bitten themselves. This should absolutely be a Federal Crime, and punishable by jail time and heavy fines to the people involved in this heinous crime. Please speak up for our loving companions. They cannot speak up for themselves.
Cindy M	Guarnieri	CT	Thank You!
Andrea	Chisari	FL	Violence towards animals should be treated as seriously as violence towards children; both are helpless.
Colleen	Hutchins	MA	
			Where can we begin to stop the horrific abuse of animals if you don't support proper punishment. Please, it all starts with you! This is a barbaric practice & should be against the law & punished. There is no reason to allow this horrible practice to continue...
Mary Ann	Hyzny	IL	
Kaye	Tweedy	CA	
Connie	Avalos	CA	
			It is a necessity that humans that treat animals in humanely be punished just as if it was a human they were hurting. Animals cannot defend themselves therefore they need us as their voice. Please help us and the voiceless animals.
Eleni	Galanopulos	IL	People who mistreat animals tend to get progressively more abusive and then start abusing people who can't fight back - kids, elderly, women... These sociopaths MUST be stopped!
Elaine	Becker	VA	
Susan	Remington	MI	-

Crystal	Enderson	MN	<p>As a person who rescues animals, the devastation that dog fighting not only does on the poor innocent animals who have feelings, fear, and should have rights as well, but the communities and people who have to rescue these animals. Rehabilitation is a long, and difficult process. These animals are often not wanted after it is learned they came from dog fighting environments. We are civilized human beings in the 21st century. Ignorance is no longer an excuse. Let's show the world we are the great nation that will not tolerate barbaric behavior, and are not afraid to punish those who commit these barbaric and horrific crimes against the innocent; animals and children!</p>
Michael	Wilson	NC	
yaribeth	arroyo	FL	
Charlene	Campbell	PA	
Karen	Cook	IL	
Thomas	Sayles	AL	
Marcia	Wheatley	CA	
stephani	borda	FL	
Pavithra	Souriraj	CA	
Margo	Murphy	WA	
Nichole	Pauson	IL	<p>There is nothing I hate more than dogfighting!</p> <p>PLEASE!!</p> <p>Please kindly help those poor animals by strengthening laws to stop this brutal crime. Thank you.</p> <p>These crimes need EXTREMELY strong sentences to help deter the horrific abuse these wonderful animals are subjected to. Many of these animals die a horrible painful death after living a life of knowing nothing other than forced fighting. The sentences have NOT been nearly tough enough. Please fix this.</p> <p>animal abuse as a whole should be a felony punishable just like an abuse against another human. it is a horrible example to set in the eyes of other nations, our own children, each other that we allow these men to force this kind and innocent animals to be put into these situations of fighting and abuse. please stand for and by those that cannot do it for themselves. thank you</p> <p>Just say no to dog fighting!</p> <p>Please do the right thing for those who can't defend or speak for themselves. Do it for those that deserve a better life. Thanks</p>
Liz	Cameron	WA	
Carol	reed	IN	
Kim	Johns	UT	
Deborah	Kelly	VA	
colleen	thomas	WY	
Sherry	Louwers	FL	
David	Jew	CA	

Barbara	Capps	NC
Mary	Royse	OH
Kathy	Joy	CT
christine	cole	OH
Michele	Kitt	VA
Sarah	Berkland	MA
Pat	Cranmer	MO
Deborah	Certalich	MT
Joan	Rossignol	DE

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 Let's have the punishment fit the crime and maybe it will deter these folks from this activity!
 What a horrible thing that is happening this is beyond cruelty into madness I will do anything to get this stopped
 Please help out an end to this for these poor defenceless animals
 Mahatma Gandhi once said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the manner in which its animals are treated." Please vote to make the revision of sentencing guidelines regarding animal fighting permanent.
 Let's say loud and clear that the US is a nation of good, compassionate people who's humanity extends not only to other nations but to animals as well.

I would like to see a sentence raised more then 5 years in prison. Also, once they are incarcerated, I would like to have their names put on an Animal Abuse List, similar to the listing they have for people who abuse children. When their name goes on this list, it should be duly appointed as to where they are living, address, city and state. Even if they move, their new status should be put on the Animal Abuse List. What type of animal they abused, such as a Pit Bull, Poodle and so on. Or even if it is different from a dog. I want people to be aware of situations like this. I am an animal lover and I do not want animals abused for anything. Thank you.

Melissa	Warfield	AZ
Mike	Marquez	CA
marie	mckillop	MD
Maren	Riggs	NY
Judith	Lautenschlager	WI
David E.	Swatowy	NY

This is a terrible sport...not one we should be proud of and should ban.

jeffery	shockley	ME
Jayne	Thompson	DE
Anna	Perez Khan	TX

animal fighting is one of the most dispicable acts there is. please punish these terrible people to the fullest extent possible. thank you for your time.

Barbara	Lindsey	MD
Sabrina	Fernandez	NY
Kate	Benton	CA

What happens to these dogs that are in the hands of dog fighters is cruel beyond the pale. Their suffering and ultimate deaths is criminal. Please use the maximum sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. What these evil people do to dogs that are made to fight is unconscionable.

Animal fighting is cruel, horrific and extremely inhumane for these innocent dogs. IT IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE AGAINST INNOCENT DOGS. It is also heartbreaking for people who do not support dog fighting as they know how the dogs suffer. Some of these people have lost their pets, as they are stolen from yards and become bait dogs. And if a dog is not a winner, they are killed by strangulation, drowning, shooting, or chained and thrown away and left to die a slow, painful death. No dogs should be forced to fight. Humans find it lucrative - which should not be allowed to happen. Sentences should be harsh on the offenders, including those that attend or bet on dog fighting events. It's time to send a message to those people - IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND YOU WILL PAY A HIGH PRICE FINANCIALLY AND SPEND A LONG TIME IN PRISON. PLEASE go forward with a stronger - IMMEDIATELY. These poor dogs have no voice to ask for help, to ask for stronger punishment. We are their voices. You can help them. Thank you.

Pat	Cranmer	MO
barbara	bills	CA
Taylor	Phung	CA
melody	nichols	OK

It is barbaric, inhumane and does not belong in a civilized world. Please make sure this crime is adequately punished.

Rebecca	Oberlin	OK
Teresa	McMahon	OH
sarah	starr	NY
shirley	wright-coltart	IN
Stanley	Charles	SC

give an animal a chance.

Debbie	Bornstein	IL
Mandy	Seymer	MD

This is absolutely sickening and this is severe animal abuse these people need to be unished severely!

Jane	Werth	CA
Ginda	Gruse	MI
Robin	Hamilton	CA

Please act to make sure individualists who abuse and kill animals in dog fighting are sentenced appropriately. No one can speak for the dogs with you Jane Werth

Ruth	Byington	NY	All God's creatures deserve to be treaded humanely.
Frank	Picard	CA	
Kim	O'Bryan	CA	
Pat	Brown	CA	It has been proven that cruelty to animals leads to cruelty to humans. An enforced stiff sentence as prescribed by law will send a message to these criminals to not engage in this barbaric activity.
Kate	Holy	FL	
Steven	Sherman	NY	If you believe in god this wouldnt be an issue. God (he) left us in charge of them and look how there treated. Any offenders of any cruelty to creatures should get heavy jail time so they have time to see whats rite in the world. Did you ever look in a sad dogs eyes ???
Jamie	Reifman	IL	
terry	marek	TX	
Ann	Middleton	LA	
Suzanne	Gordon	TX	Please punish to the full extent of the law anyone who engages in the barbaric act of dog fighting,or any other act involving animal cruelty.
Cheryl	Marrs	FL	Thank you. Our precious animals deserve the best life too
Ruth	Johnston	WI	
Laura	Strobel Fross	IN	<p>Please - take action today.....it is just so neartobreaking to see this day after day, these poor animals have no voice but ours - the heartless individuals that continue to torture these poor babies need to pay for there ruthlessness!!! You need to put this amendment into action ASAP - I personally think 5 years is no where near enough time for the physical & emotional damage they do, but it's better than the slap on a wrist they get now. We need to impose these laws and show examples of them publicly so the others that want to make a quick buck at the expense of these innocent souls WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!! Thank you....</p> <p>PLEASE make this cruel and inhumane practice of dog fighting a criminal offense with at least 5 or more years of jail time and a HUGE fine of 20,000 or more to be donated to the welfare of these poor animals. This is a very important issue and needs to be addressed now. thank you for your time.</p>
Susan	Smith	NJ	
Christine	Back	CA	
Sonia	Smith	CA	
Katie	Ferguson	MD	
Patricia	Smalls	NY	
Nicole	Tonn	GA	

Mary	Moran	DE	
Steven	Kostis	NY	
Jan	Sankey	PA	This is Jan Sankey. I CANNOT IMAGE THIS BEING ALLOWED IN ANY WAY AT ALL!!!!!!! Dogfighting is a true evil. It is the weak using other creatures pain to make themselves feel stronger. It is taking enjoyment from the pain, even death, of others. Please make the sentencing guidelines strong to help judges make wise decisions to deter and eventually stop this evil among us.
Kathi	Kelley	OH	
Claire	Marsh	NC	
Karin	Strippel	OH	
Jeff	Ewins	CA	In addition to the required prison sentence, it would behove the courts to mandate minimum fines to reimburse taxpayers for enforcement, court systems, and incarceration costs. I would suggest that the criminals be financially responsible for full repayment of all costs incurred by taxpayers as a result of their actions.
Paul	Baryza	NY	support this bill animals are defenceless if people want to watch fighting let them fight to the death
Linda	Neyer	WA	Please amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines. Dog fighting is a horrible crime. I often wonder what kind of person can watch that. I do believe that people who participate in this type of abuse are often abusive to others (children,spouse, etc). Maybe a stiffer sentence will help to stop the abuse for the animals and maybe even others. Thank you
Desiree	Glinden	OR	
Carol	Hewson	NJ	
Julia	Farhat	NY	
Helen	Seppala	IL	
Paulette	Kaplan	VA	
Lisa	Hurst	DE	Enforce and make examples of abusers. Its the right thing to do.
nancy	Campbell	CA	
Suzanne	Gordon	TX	Please punish to the full extent of the law anyone who engages in the barbaric act of dog fighting,or any other act involving animal cruelty.
lili	lebretton	MA	
Stephanie	Davis	MA	
Harry	Hulbert	NC	Dogfighting is an atrocity and should be punished accordingly. The current guidelines are not even close to being strict enough. In not even close to being strict enough. individuals involved in dogfighting need to be incarcerated.

Deborah	Aleksa	CO	The humans are the real monsters in the situation of dog fighting. Their lives should be taken away as much as the poor animals they abused. Strict prison sentences and fines should be implemented to punish the human scum.
Jamie	Land	MO	
David	Shumway	FL	It, under any other name, is still murder. It's live beings on the chopping block; no different than eating dog or cat in Singapore. Enough already!
helena	doerr	MD	
Jamie	Reifman	IL	
Jean	Wenzel	NY	—
Martha	Metcalf	OR	I've heard of so many instances where the innocent dogs are killed and the real criminal gets a smack on the hand! It's sickening and needs to stop. The real victims, the dogs, should be rehabilitated at the abuser's expense. Thank you for reading my letter. This is a horrible crime against innocent animals who have no control over how they are being used. I urge you do take action to set maximum prison sentence for this crime. We as a society must no longer accept or allow the abuse of the innocent.
Ruth	McHargue	FL	Thank you
Heather	Hughes	NH	
Sandy	Willison	IL	
Catherine	Benoist	IL	It is imperative, in my opinion, that action is taken and we no longer give any indication that we approve of deliberately causing suffering to the innocent.
Pamela	Romero	CA	Humans who abuse animals will abuse humans....this is a fact. As a resident of Tennessee, I see it all too regularly. We have lax laws in this state for abused animals. I do implore you to act on their behalf. Our legislature calls agencies that help animals, "domestic terrorist" organizations. With this mentality our animals have no hope. Our shelters are overrun and we need help. Thank you so much.
Dorris	Barnes	TN	The animal fighting sentencing guideline needs to be made a priority. These poor animals suffer greatly and we need to take action. The brutality of these crimes need to be acknowledged and those involved in dog fighting activities need to be punished with maximum sentencing. Thank you.
Lori	Kosoglow	PA	Please, you have the power to make a difference. Thank you!
Melissa	Fagan	WA	
Kelly	Shanklin	NC	
Stewart	Fretz	DE	Jail time for the people involved or have this event should be on the same level as a person who commits murder.
Lauren	Blum	CA	

David	Shumway	FL	It, under any other name, is still murder. It's live beings on the chopping block; no different than eating dog or cat in Singapore. Enough already!
Mary	Bolton	FL	
Rose	Jones	CO	

Stronger & strict punishment must be enforced to the "BEASTS" who abuse innocent animals. Dogs are commonly stolen from families, pet stores, & off the street. Other victims are born & raised in inhumane & abusive captivity. They are brutally & relentlessly brutalized, antagonized, & starved. They become "MAN-MADE" killing machines. Ironically, these dogs CAN be rehabilitated, & DO LOVE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY GAVE IT A CHANCE TO LIVE A HEALTHY, LOVING LIFE. Let the punishment fit the crime! I think Syrs is way too mild. We need to set examples for current & future offenders. These so called people have NO respect for life. Why should they be given respect? They wouldn't recognize kindness, anyway.

Beth	Bacon	ME
Barbara	Frazer	CA
Edwin	Hasson	PA
Lynne	Habberfield	CO
Mitch	Cobb	LA

THE PEOPLE WHO FORCE INNOCENT ANIMALS TO FIGHT MUST BE PUNISHED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. THERE IS NO EXCUSE TO LET THEM GET AWAY WITH LESS. THEY ARE CRIMINALS. THANK YOU.

Joan	Dienst	NY
linda	duke	IL
Divya	Thadani	FL
Pam	Herzer	CO

PLEASE apply the highest level of sentencing for this heinous activity.

Barbara	Hegedus	PA
Liz	Campbell	CA
Diane	Holland	OH

AND WE CALL THEM, "ANIMALS"! This horrendous crime should be matched by MANDATORY jail time and a large fine - the only way to put an end to this evil! REVISE THE ANIMAL FIGHTING GUIDELINES TO REFLECT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS CRIME.

David	Shumway	FL
Linda	Duffin	TX

It, under any other name, is still murder. It's live beings on the chopping block; no different than eating dog or cat in Singapore. Enough already!
I speak for those poor dogs who have no voice and have no choice. Cruelty cannot be tolerated or ignored. Please consider mandatory strong sentencing for these offenders who have no consideration for a poor animals' life.

sarah	starr	NY	
Peggy	Loveless	OR	
			This is such animal abuse. These poor dogs are made to fight and kill each other. There is no excuse for such cruelty. Please crack down and give stiffer sentences to these abusers. Thank you, An animal lover!
Gwen	Aquinto	CA	
Ken	Galica	MI	Dog fighting, any animal fighting, is cruel and must be stopped. Appropriate sentencing for these violent offenders is long overdue.
Colleen	Hutchins	MA	How is it we can think ourselves more civilized than animals when we allow people to FORCE ANIMALS TO FIGHT EACH OTHER !
Lisa	Hammer	NH	Animal cruelty is a felony in all 50 states. Anyone with knowledge of dog fighting knows that this is not only horribly cruel to the fighting dogs but the "bait" dogs may have been dog napped from people's yards or homes. Please pass this bill with heavy consequences for the law breakers. Respectfully submitted,
Carol	Hewson	NJ	to whom, blood sport is barbaric and should require appropriate sentencing for people (do they really belong to the category ?) who train and fight animals. " BLOOD SPORT " is a childish matter of concern. evolved humane beings have a responsibility to speak out against it.
Ken	Addington	AR	
Roslyn	Riall	IN	The people that use animal to fight should be locked up and fined heavily!!! This madness needs to top! The animals are the victims here!!
Nancy	Carollo	IL	
Pamela	Garlisch	IL	
			Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you and urge you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016. It is a difficult task for a judge to properly provide a sentence in dog fighting cases when they are not familiar with the subject as a whole and its progression, hence the reason these judges go off the sentencing guidelines in front of them. However, times have changed causing the minimum to maximum sentencing guidelines needing to be changed also. This crime is horrific event that occurs with very little punishment attached it and animals need justice too. Thank you for your consideration in looking upon this issue and giving hope for the animals that need us.
Brittany	Linton	DE	

Susan	Hathaway	CA	<p>The measure of a society is how it treats its helpless members, including domestic animals. We're not measuring up when we let criminals who force animals to fight off easily just because their victims aren't human.</p> <p>What these people are doing to these animals is horrific and really should be sentenced to the fullest. It shows the need to torture and that will only flow over to the human sector. Please sentence these people as though they were doing it to a human. Animals have emotions and feel pain.</p>
Deni	Huffman	SC	
Alison	Holzer	CA	
J	Stufflebeam	OR	<p>"Dog Fighting" sounds like the dogs have a chance to win. Never. Bait dogs may be tied down or their mouths taped shut. No medical care given for wounds. Poor food if any is given. Even winning dogs aren't winners. They are only as good as the last fight they won. How can anyone call it a "sport"? Isn't mankind better than this?</p> <p>This is cruelty that continues to flourish. The main reason, I believe, is because there is no deterrent. Please, for the sake of those who can't speak, please update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence to a minimum of 5 years. I say minimum to crack down on the tactics used to abuse the system to get just a slap on the wrist. Please stand up for those dogs who give everything they can to us. Get tough of those who abuse dogs for animal fighting.</p> <p>Dog fighting is horrific and those participating and observing need to be punished harshly. Without stiff penalties, these monsters will not be deterred. Thank you</p>
Lorna	Bunker	MI	
Cynthia	Fitzpatrick	MD	
Linda S.	Bodnar	ME	<p>It is so very important that we do everything we can to stop the sport of animal fighting. Have you ever seen pictures of dogs used for fighting? Look also at the helpless bait dogs used. It is so horrible you have to look away. Please help them all.</p>
william	landess	SC	<p>Please take the time to look at this abused animals. If you do...you will do the right thing! Thank you.</p>
Norma	Campbell	CA	<p>We are supposedly a nation of honor and compassion. Compassion for other humans and for other species, especially the dog which over the centuries has given us much love, loyalty and protection. It is now time for us to protect them. Make the penalties for animal fighting very severe, in both monetary fines and imprisonment. No more look the other way or a slap on the wrist. It time to get tough, very very tough.</p>

			No animal should have to live this way. Their lives are filled with pain and suffering and it is apparent in their faces. People who do this to innocent animals need to be punished and fined heavily. You as decision makers need to crack down on these fighting rings that bring drugs and illegal weapons into our cities and towns. What are they teaching our children? Please think about this amendment for the betterment of humanity.
Donna	Kram	MI	
Kim	Burton	FL	
Jonadine	Randolph	AZ	
Holly	Knight	OH	
tracy	majeske	OK	Tracy Majeske
Lauren	Liuzza	LA	
Diane	Holland	OH	
Diane	Carroll	TX	
			This crime must be stopped you must impose max sentences to stop this madness we've got to get tougher on animal abuse thank you
Greg	Barowsky	PA	
Sandra	Heraver	IL	
			Dogs experience pain, sadness & fear. It is inhuman to harm animals by having them engage in dog fighting. Dog fighting is analogous to the reprehensible days of the Roman gladiators!
Ann	Bohlander	VA	
Su	Jacob	FL	
Teri	Brantley	CA	
Valerie	Hirschhorn	IA	
GLORIA	WADE	MD	
jean	skinner	FL	Civilized people respect all living creatures.
Margaret	ratliff	AZ	This act is disgusting it NEEDS to stop Help these animals These people are sick This so cruel
Lorraine	Lowry	CA	This so called "sport" is as barbaric as gladiators. The guilty should go to jail. Animal cruelty needs to stop in all its forms, including cock fighting; animals caged in extremely small, movement prohibitive cages; painful training methods; cruel transportation and slaughter methods, cruel population control methods, etc. Imagine yourself as that animal and being made to fight or locked in a cage so small that you can't turn around, lay down or scratch an itch. Now decide what the punishment should be and make it severe enough to discourage anyone from trying it again.
Janet	Henderzahs	IN	
Elin	Defrin	NY	

Katherine	LaRaus	NY	
Julie	Howell	OH	
William	Purcell	GA	I firmly believe in firm, harsh and swift punishment in animal cruelty cases and not just a puny fine and a slap on the hand. Who will take up for these mistreated if we don't?
Beverly	Peake	PA	No animal should be put to fighting until their almost killed or killed. If the person is caught for dog fighting or any other animal should be put to jail at least 10 years or more. A minimum of 5 years is what it should start with when it comes down to sentencing people for dog fighting. The penalty should fit the crime !!! Dogs are pets and should be treated as such. Not a means to make an income. Please help guard against this terribly heartless treatment of our innocent animals. They rely on humans for compassion and love, not abuse!
Kevin	Miller	IL	
Robbyn	Nunes	CA	
Jan	Novotny	FL	
Kimberly	Hollis	WI	
Suzanne	Dupree	FL	Its a horrible sport, inhumane and needs to be stopped!
Suzanne	Dupree	FL	
Susan	Biccum	FL	
Frann	Spiess	MI	
eileen	tarquinio	VA	
Catherine	Nielsen	OR	
kim	anderson	TX	
Sharyn	Palacio	VA	Thank you for your services.
			First I think that the sentence of 5 years is too short...a minimum sentence of 10 years would be more appropriate with a stipulation that 5 years has to be served before any consideration of release for good behavior or parole etc. Once convicted the perpetrator should be barred from owning animals and if caught again should be automatically sentenced to 5 years in prison and be required to serve the full term.
Brian	Knott	NV	
Laura	Grzybowski	NY	
Diane	Best	OH	
Christina	Schultz	KY	
Gary	Thaler	MA	
Gail	Rice	TX	
Jane	Hill	NH	It is my hope that by updating the guidelines will help prevent the senseless pain & suffering of the innocent animals as well as deter the crimes (i.e. gambling) associated with animal fighting.

Amy	valdez	MI	
Gail	Rice	TX	This is inhumane and has to be stopped. Thanks so much for your hard work thus far. Please let's enforce tough sentences and prosecute these animal abusers to the fullest extent of the law. Animal fighting is so sad and cruel and must be stopped! Thank you Scott Wilson
Scottl	Wilson	NC	Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.
ROSE	CASSEL	NY	Dog fighting is horrible and needs to be stopped! The people that support or run this cruel practice need to be sentenced and fined to the highest level.
Alyssa	Hall	MN	
barrett	grey	GA	Until dog fights are history, please put these depraved criminals behind bars for the maximum allowable sentence.
Diane	Lynch	NJ	
Deborah	Boomhower	NY	
Deborah	Boomhower	NY	-
Barbara	Bonnell	NY	
Sylvia	Romano	FL	
Barbara	Joncas	RI	
Barbara	Joncas	RI	These crimes are appalling! It is also incredibly heart breaking. When man resorts to this as their entertainment they are also teaching their children how unimportant life is whether it be animal or human. It also reflects on how to treat each other especially as a family. We want to help the next generation to thrive and help keep this world a good place. These people that do this would not be making good decisions for us as we get older. I ask God every day to make all the bad in this world stop. But until then we are the the ones to protect the children and our four legged companions. Please make the crimes stop! R.Leckner
Robyn	Leckner	MN	

Inciting animals to fight inevitably leads to much pain and suffering, with wounds often being left to fester untreated. This is a horrible and barbaric practice perpetuated by those too cowardly to themselves fight other people for money. So they force dogs to do it for them instead. It is a disgusting practice with agonising physical and psychological consequences for the dogs involved, and this should be reflected in the severity of the sentences for those caught organising it.

Vivien	Smith	MD
Doreen	Terletzky	NJ
Doreen	Terletzky	NJ
joanne	rongo	RI
Angela	Jerome - Tuckner	MN

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please take the measures to stop this ugly and pain ridden desire of bad people doing bad things.

Federal animal fighting sentencing guidelines should be amended to include mandatory jail time and a fine, both of which should be substantial. This would send a clear message this type of activity will not be tolerated. Rehabilitation of the animals should also be included as part of the amendment. We are the voice of these poor animals thrown into this horrible life, the end result of which some must be destroyed needlessly because of the actions of the individuals that placed them in this horrible situation.

Glenn	Cosentino	NJ
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Dog fighting is such a brutal, indefensible crime. What is done to the dogs from rearing the pups, to chaining and housing them, to goading them to tear apart smaller dogs, cats, rabbits and the like, to forced fighting against other dogs is horrific! After the fight, the "losers" are usually tortured and killed, or just tossed away like garbage. This is worse than inhumane, this is sociopathic. To be completely insensitive to brutal and violent coercion of animals to tear each other apart is amoral and is usually strongly associated with antisocial and criminal personalities. It not only makes sense to take severe punitive measures with those who sponsor, aid, and abet the so-called "sport" of dog-fighting, but to punish and censure those who watch, bet on, house, or conceal dog-fighting and that should include any media source that is involved as well. We are much more aware now of the degree of suffering an animal experiences and that they do, indeed, have emotions, so we stand without excuse as a society if we look the other way or fail in our moral imperative to stamp out animal abuse wherever and whenever we find it. Please, use your authority to make certain that dog-fighting and animal abuse is met with amply severe penalties to greatly discourage its prevalence. It's the only decent thing to do, and since animal abuse is highly correlated with other criminal behaviors, it may just save human lives too. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Jackie	Critser	OR
Dale	Lang	NY
Hernan	Mares	TX

We need tougher penalties for pervaiors of dog fighting. Many dogs are injured and killed for this perverse sport.

Briana	Mullen	
Hernan	Mares	TX
Hernan	Mares	TX

We need to get all them people out there and stop this fighting it's no need for a dog to suffer like this please we need to catch them

Deborah	Gourde	WA
Rustin	Gripentog	NV
Barbara	Savoy	IL
Barbara	Savoy	IL
Leroy	Youmans	FL
tykedra	d	GA

They can't speak for themselves, someone has to speak up for them.

Tresstine	Conti	NY
Nancy	Poopatanapong	CA

Barbara Savoy Hank Savoy Jakub Hryniewicz

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It is I humane and unethical to pit animals against each other for the entertainment of sick, twisted people!

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Cynthia Humphreville OH

Animal fighting is a serious and brutal crime. Please help ensure that those individuals who engage in this depraved activity are sentenced accordingly. We citizens want our animals protected and criminals to pay for their crimes.

Pamela S. White CA

tykedra d GA

Shawn Addington TX

Pamela S. White CA

We would never allow this kind of abuse for humans in this country, and animals are the same as humans, they have emotions, thoughts, and the same desire for a happy, healthy, and spoiled life full of LOVE, as we all do. If these were human children, you would never stand for this. Please fight the same good fight to save the lives of innocent animals, who are just children too. A. Loyd

Al Loyd CO

B. Linda Yoder GA

Claudia Reynolds TX

The animals will really appreciate your taking action on their behalf. No animal should have to endure such horrific treatment and their abusers need to pay the maximum penalty.

Barbara Grant VA

Barbara Grant VA

Brenda Hardin NY

Please help to ban dogfighting we don't want to see how dogs are suffering from cruel humans and their gambles. if there is illegal fightings and give them a hell of jailyears and fines millions dollars. please help ! Just remember that they are God's creatures. thank you

Hattie Stewart NC

Darryl Slavin CA

Darryl Slavin CA

Julie Garber NJ

Julie Garber NJ

Agree! Many of us consider our pets to be our children, our protectors and should deff be punished for forcing cruel fighting!

Rochell Segura CA

Katica Stipetic HI

Very good

Harolyn Giordano NY

Rachel Lujan CA

Rachel Lujan CA

Antonette	Davis	MO	Now is the time to finally stop this barbaric behavior. We as a society are better than this. Please do the right thing, and cease this brutality.
Justice	Merry	CA	No animal should be put through this . Dogs have feelings . They can feel pain .. Min of 2 1/2 yrs straight time for cruelty to animals. If they are a repeat offerender 10 years straight tine
Barbara	Tacker	CA	
Barbara	Tacker	CA	
Antonette	Davis	MO	
Beatrice	Castillo	TX	If it were up to me I would put these offenders away for good. It is inhumane & not the animal's fault for being put into those cruel & life or death situations. Please seriously consider making the maximum sentence to 10 years & not less than five. We pet owners take it very seriously. Our pets are a big part of our families & whether you own a pet or not have some compassion.
Laurie	Johnson	GA	
sue	sch_mmer	DE	
Lori	Strausser	WI	
Fran	Baker	IA	
Carole Crowe	Frank	NY	
Debi	Fussell	TX	These people do not belong in normal society. They are cruel individuals who need to stay behind bars for a very long time.
Robin	Stockard	MI	
Jessica	McGrody	PA	Please help theses defenseless animals. They need our voices. Make the laws strict for these abusers.
Jennifer	Burr	IL	
Claudia	Reynolds	TX	The Legal punishment should reflect the extensive damage the crime does to animals and society in general.Please update the guidelines. Criminals abuse the voiceless victims that are the vulnerable animals that only had humans to defend them.
Amanda	Schweickert	NY	

Hurting any living creature for entertainment is unforgivable in my opinion - this practice should have been made punishable by law long ago. Either we are a civilized nation or we are not. Animals feel pain, they suffer and die all because there are cruel, ignorant people who find it entertaining and profitable to view it. It is the responsibility of the rest of us to put a stop to this now... I want a share of my tax dollars used for this purpose because to do nothing is to sanction this horrible practice... Jolene P Duff

Jolene P	Duff	AL
Jessica	McGrody	PA
Nancy	Poopatanapong	CA
CHRISTINE	TAYLOR	NV

please help stop these animal fights it is so bad...animals can feel being hurt just like humans can! this is so sad and hurtfull how would anyone like to live everyday getting beat up and fighting for ur life!! please make the sentence to be maximum prison, thanks again

mary	kollydas	FL
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This is an amazing thing for you to raise awareness about.

cassius	hursh	PA
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Thank you.

Animals, especially dogs weren't put on this earth to fight. They were put here to give us love and companionship. Please amend the sentencing guidelines to help put a stop to this terrible treatment.

Jane	Makowski	MI
Jane	Makowski	MI
savannah	gardner	TX
andrea	Zemel	OH
Debbie	Wells	TN
Jackie	Sheffield	GA
Suchmita	Sarkar	NY
Jennifer	Stinnett	IN
Jackie	Sheffield	GA
Jarod	Trinko	CA
Virginia	Valencia	CA

I think for dog fighting there should be a harsher sentence than just 5 years in prison. Make it longer! There is no reason for this kind of abuse EVER!

James	Morgan	IL
Becky	Rush	CO
Becky	Rush	CO
mary	kollydas	FL
laura	martino	MA
Breanna	Morris	IL
Becca	Lea	IA

Breanna	Owens	OH	Every animal should have as much justice for cruelty as children do. They cannot speak for themselves, we have domesticated them so they should have rights. The scum that exploit them should not.
lisa	meyer	IL	
raoule	bainbridge	IN	
raoule	bainbridge	IN	
Kennedy	Dutra	CA	
Kennedy	Dutra	CA	Animals have the same rights as human beings.
MELISSA	JOLLEY	UT	
Lauren	Patton	TX	
			This is not a legislation that has powerful lobbyists or organizations that are beneficial to the public. Only criminal minded individuals participate in this heinous from of animal cruelty. History of pit bulls states that they were called "nanny dogs". Why such a name for a breed that is notorious for biting and fighting? It is the individuals who breed these dogs since pups to get them to fight. They feel it is worth the risk since the penal fine for these criminal acts is not sufficient. We the citizens are not the ones who make the laws. These are the reasons why you were elected; and only you have that power. You can make these offenses much more serious violations. The punishment should consist of larger fines and severe felony charges which are followed by sever prison terms. The New York State Felony charge of up to four years imprisonment is very light and worth the risk for most. How much time does this convicted felon actually serve? One year? Maximum two years? Why not a minimum of seven to ten years? I can assure you this may make these thugs think twice. The fines should also be raised, make them think twice on how their horrific acts of animal cruelty affect their pockets.Please don't say it cannot be done. This is a legislation that has more in favor than against.Compare to gun laws and other social issues, this is easy and common sense legislation. Thank you
Jaime	Cardona	NY	
James	Burge	RI	
Mary Beth	Brown	MO	
Martha	Rivas	NM	
Shelley	Tsuji	NC	Please stop this horrible crime!
Martha	Rivas	NM	
loren	grier	FL	Enough is enough
Catherine	Whittle	IL	
Ahsen	Khan	NJ	I love dogs and I will help an fight for them till I die

anilec	namor	FL	I have the cutest great dane named Naya and if anyone who believes in dog fights is crazy
Ashley	Montesano	NY	
Ericka	Wilson	NC	
Mark	Stover	FL	I would honestly prefer the sentence be raised to 10 years as well as involuntary castration of all offenders, but the pre-filled form from the ASPCA doesn't allow for me to edit in such measures.
Carole	Dallek	NY	
Tamara	Robinson	NV	This barbaric 'sport' needs to have serious sentences that are utilized. No more 'slap on the wrist' should be allowed. It's been proven animal abusers are also human abusers, and we need to show we won't tolerate such behavior any more. It's time we grew up and evolved into a better society.
JOHN	ARGENZIA	NC	
Kayla	Knepper	OH	
Kelsey	Grenz	FL	
Michael	Marr	MO	
Michael	Marr	MO	
William	Throckmorton	VA	Man's Best Friend deserves better!!
William	Throckmorton	VA	Please work to make federal and local sentencing guidelines and punishments more severe to these criminals. The poor animals can't speak for themselves. We as human beings HAVE to take a higher moral road and do everything we can to protect these animals, by making this punishment much more strict and forceful on these cruel people. Thank you for your consideration. William
J.J.	Van Name	PA	
Karen	Synic	DE	The laws that are passed & enforced are the voices of the innocent animals that are brutally beaten, fought & killed for profit. The laws are not any match for the sick demented pycotic idiots that do these unthinkable acts of cruelty. I believe these should be felony offenses not a slap on the wrist with a little fine, which is a joke for them. The animals are the victims and we the people need to be their voice and end the cruelty.

Ellie	Florian	NC	Hi! My name is Ellie Florian and I love your products. Your products are amazing quality for such great prices! If possible I would love if you could send me some stickers so I can paste them on my laptop, water bottle, and bulletin board! If you could please send them to this address: US,NC,1112 Baltusrol lane! Thank you!
Pamela	Denman	WI	

Sydney	Ladner	TX	After watching animal cops, it is clear that there needs to be an end put to all animal cruelty.
alyssa	Gabrielse	WI	

Jessica	Swain	MI	<p>Please! This is hardly different than child abuse in my opinion. Dogs are wonderful, social, and loving creatures That only want to be loved in return! All people do not have to be dog lovers or own a dog, that is fine. If you don't feel as strongly as I do about loving dogs you are entitled to that, however they do not deserve to be abused, neglected, or forced to fight. It is not right. If you don't care about dogs then stay away from them! Teach these people the lesson they deserve, make the punishment harsher. This is a disgusting act and it needs to be recognized as such. These minor consequences do not even deter these poor sick excuses for human beings from returning to dog fighting because they can make money. Keep them in prison, and away from God's greatest creatures (dogs)! Dogs would NEVER do these horrific acts to humans if roles were reversed! Thank you!</p>
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Sheila	Snyder	CA	Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.
jessica	cooper	CA	
jessica	cooper	CA	

Mary	Rubio	CA	We do need stricter animal fighting guidelines. Animal fighting needs to be stopped. Please consider sentencing appropriately!
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			An animal feels pain, neglect, fear and suffers just as we do. How cruel An act as dogfighting could warrant such a lesser sentence is unacceptable. This must change and change immediatley to save the lives of more dogs, please increase the sentence minimum of these heartless criminals.
carrie	privitera green	CT	
krissy	eliss	PA	
Darian	Nahm	CA	
			This is not just about the cruelty to these dogs but the people watching and enjoying this abuse have deep issues. They need professional help if watching dogs tear each other apart is entertainment to them. Help these people before they hurt a fellow human.
Narda	Kramer	WI	
			Prov 12:10 " The righteous one is caring for the soul of his domestic animal, but the mercies of the wicked ones are cruel." We have to be these poor creatures of God voices. They have feeling and feel pain same as us. Would you like this done to you? This is a unthinkable, heartbreaking act that needs to start sending messages to criminals. Thank you Michelle Schaeffer
michelle	schaeffer	PA	
			Animal cruelty is a horrific offense and has been shown to be a gateway to abuse of spouses and children. Please make it abundantly clear that anima abuse is a serious crime and needs to be sentenced accordingly. Thank you, Dr. Stephani Smith
Stephani	Smith	MA	
Betty	KENNEDY	OR	
			Animal fighting is a very serious crime. Please consider this amendment.
Beverly	Stephens	AZ	
Sierra	Knarr	PA	
Beverly	Stephens	AZ	
			human beings do such bad things to animals is unessary its terrible . Unfortunately , we do have cruel people and I definitely believe that this people should get punished for their cruel actions. Please, help us to stop all animal cruelty. I'm totally against any abuse towards animals and you should be aswell.
Carolina	Padilla	CA	
kathy	miller	IN	
			I've been seeing more and more abused dogs in the media. Please update the guide lines. Have a heart...it's absolutely unacceptable treatment for the dogs. Punish those individuals.
Joanne	Erlandson	WA	Joanne Erlandson

Linda	Kaiser	WA	I believe the punishment should fit the crime. How would you like it if your child or grandchild was put into a situation where they had to fight for their life? What kind of a society are we that we would allow such an act of dog fighting or any animal fighting go unpunished. This animal fighting is just inhumane and should be stopped totally, and the only way to do this is to punish the people responsible for the fighting and the people viewing the fighting. Please end this barbaric act!!
Allison	Raffin	PA	I love dogs!
Linda	Kaiser	WA	
Linda	Mooney	AZ	
Linda	Mooney	AZ	
Jo Ann	Lytle	NH	Animal abusers develop into child and domestic abusers. Stop the vicious cycle now and properly punish the abusers. Please be the voice for those that have none. Thank you.
Garrett	Libert	OH	I believe the current maximum sentencing for convicted dog fighters should be the minimum sentencing! Dog fighters complete ruin these poor dogs life, breed them into a world where all they know is aggression, confinement anger and pain and torture and then if they happen to be rescued from hell most of the time they get euthanized anyway. This is a horrible vicious cycle , created by us these animals need our protection and its about time we stand up for them! The current sentencing for convicted dog fighting is a mockery and I'm so angered by it .There is NO JUSTICE what so ever for these innocent life's lets wake up and make change! I appreciate that there may be a change in the sentencing but this is so over due its outrageous!!! Please make the minimum sentencing for convicted dog fighters 5 years!!!
skye	mcdonald		
austin	keith	IN	
Jill	Schafebook	PA	Let's hope we're no longer in the Dark Ages when considering animal cruelty. I also think that more needs to be done about educating and rehabilitating these criminals. Animal cruelty will continue to be an issue in the United States if we don't enforce stronger prison sentences and also if we fail to educate the younger generations. Thank you for your time and consideration,
Kathryn	Starr	NC	Kathryn Starr, PhD
Patricia	Day	PA	
Linda	Nguyen	CA	so inhumane. pups deserve to be loved.
Lindsay	Pugh	VA	

Hi I am writing my opinion because these helpless loving animals can't speak for themselves. I find it so hard to believe that there's no law to convict these inhumane disgusting things we call humans. How can it be that there is no law sentencing these disgusting cruel acts of violence? We really need to ask for a law to pass to convict these inhumane things for what they do? This really baffles my mind. But, because there is no such law unbelievably then I beg that you please make it a law to convict these sicko's to as harsh of a punishment as possible though nothing would be as harsh as how they are treating these defenceless animals. Thank you, Sheila Little

Sheila	Little	MA
Maille	Heneghan	GA
mina	henkin	SC

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Jennifer	Christopher	NV
Jennifer	Lyman	CA
michelle	whiteman	DE

Picking a certain breed to ban, isn't right. All dogs can bite and do bite. Pits are a very loving breed that has been wrongly banned. Blame the owner for mistreating a dog and not properly training it.

D'Etta	Kelly	MO
Grace	Flynn	CO

lexi	reins	MN
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Dogs deserve better! Dog fighters deserve harsher punishment! PLEASE AMEND THE GUIDELINES TO AT LEAST THE 5 YEARS MAXIMUM SENTENCE. IT IS DISGUSTING THAT PEOPLE USE THESE ANIMALS FOR THERE PERSONAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Helen	Briner	IL
Monica	Butler	NC

MARY D.	ANGEL	AL	Whatever you can do to stop animal fighting and the vile perpetrators of these very sad and brutal and illegal activities should be punished to the fullest extent of the law!! PLEASE. Please amend federal animal fighting sentencing guidelines to more accurately reflect the seriousness of this crime. Sincerely, Nancy Lorenz
Nancy	Lorenz	WI	
Stephanie	Sanders	SC	
Tara	Wilson	MD	Great cause!
Amy	F.	CO	
Patricia	Dixon	MO	
Amy	F.	CO	
Michelle	Panter	GA	Nothing makes me more angry than seeing or hearing about animal cruelty. It's bad enough when people are mean and abusive to other people, but most animals are defenseless against guns, or other weapons. I was very happy when the law was passed for animal cruelty to be treated as a felony in all states.
monica	charles	CA	i am anti dog fighting Dog fighting must be punished more severely, it is an horrendous crime and will never stop unless we start punishing people who attend these events as well as the people who plan them. It is time to realize that these people are dangerous and cruel. GET TOUGH NOW!!
Joan	DeMarree	FL	
Joan	DeMarree	FL	
Shelly	Wolfe	PA	Everyone gives pitbulls a bad name but they are really big babiesnin a good way. I agree so much! No animal should ever be put through this. I thank you for what you do!
Lorraine	Pearson	OR	
Tara	Wilson	MD	
Rosa	Simburger	CA	These poor innocent dogs get thrown in to this nightmarish life of dog fighting. The law needs to be a lot more harsh for these offenders. Some one who can do this to an animal should not be walking the streets. They have no compassion or respect for life. Anyone who uses and tortures a helpless animal for profit is just evil.
Jaci	Hepker	IA	
Kalee	Hicks	CO	
Cheryl	Chamberlin	AK	
Peggie	Kirkpatrick	CA	
Stacy	Faulkenberry	SC	
faith	humphrey	GA	I have a rescued Boxer and this means ALOT to me!

Christine	Viscuso	NY	Stiff sentencing should be given to those who promote animal fighting as well as those who participate. It is horrific how these creatures suffer and how they are treated. They are living beings with feelings. I also question the mind of the human being who participate in this barbaric sport! There certainly isn't "humane" in human!
JAN NEIL	DE GUZMAN		I'm Jan Neil De Guzman from the Philippines, I would like to ask if you were giving FREE STICKER of your brand? I would love to have it if you give away free of them. Thank you very much, much love to your brand from the Philippines! By the way my address is. Mailling address: JAN NEIL DE GUZMAN #906 MACEDA STREET, SAMPALOC METRO MANILA PHILIPPINES, 1015 (zipcode)
Sandy	Walls	KY	
Jill	Goldman	CA	
Jill	Goldman	CA	
Jude	Defatta	WA	
Jillian	Gill	AZ	So sad people do this. I love my dog that had a rough background. Rumor is was trying to be trained to be a fight dog but to sweet. Ended up at county after rescued from canal now home with us.
Nielle	Pacilli	NJ	
michelle	mcdaniels	CO	Animal abusers need the same punishment and child abusers and pedophiles Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.
Jessenia	Winstanley	VA	Its not only pitbulls people r fighting.about a month ago i watched a bust on dog fighting in my town. 14 dogs it was sad to see the way they looked and were treated. But i was proud that the law put a stop to it. Thank you. Help us fight the fight against dog fight.
steven	fruge	FL	5 years minimal! If you have no empathy for animals you definitely will not for humans
Jennifer	Shank	OH	
aron	shevis	NY	
aron	shevis	NY	

Judy	Zahrndt	FL	We need tough ENFORCEMENT of the laws to remind these criminals of football player Michael Vick. I soon they forget?? No Punishment No Change. Judy Zahrndt	
Pat	Baker	MI		
Megan	Kujawa	MI		
Jason	Maddox	FL	I'm not convinced 5 years is adequate for such offenses, but it does represent a start. Please support all efforts to end this horrible activity.	
Brian	Sparrowgrove	FL	I do all I can and wish I could do more I have rescued (or rather they rescued me) 2 ex fighter's and my brother has rescued another 2 and they are the loyalist loving companions we have ever had. In our family we have a total of 8 rescues.	
Candace	Cox	GA		
Amy	Garrett	GA		
Amy	Garrett	GA		
Eliott	reese	IL		
Hayley	Peterson	OH		
mihrap	cabukoglu			
stacey	tessmer	MN		
Mike	Estes	NC	No excuse for animal abuse ! Thankyou for every little effort you put in for these four legged furr babies	
Ana	Guajardo	VA		
AnaMaria	Dean	AZ		
Debbie	Ross			
Mark	Gorres	MN		
Jeannie	Hall	GA		
Martin	Bernard	TX		
Barbara	Wood			
				what you guys are doing is great. These are macho men cowardly using dogs for profit. These dogs don't want to fight. It's creeps like this who give a dog a horrible life and some time death due to the human need for greed at the expense if the innocent. Stop this horrid dog fighting now!
				It's about time that the courts got serious about the punishment given to people who commit crimes against innocent animals not just a slap on the wrist.

Not only is the dog fighting cruel to the animals, to train for fighting, a dog is chosen to be the 'bait dog'. This dog gets all his teeth pulled and/or filed down so he can't hurt the fighter dog. This is how the fighting dog gets his practice, by chewing up the bait dog with no fight left in him. Please put an end to dog fighting by increasing the penalty to a minimum of NO LESS THAN five years and a maximum of 20 years for subsequent dog fighting offenses. GET TOUGH AND THE ARENAS WILL BE EMPTY.

Lorna	Bunker	MI
Iona	Daws	
Britany	Solveson	NY
Libby	Villavicencio	OH
Keila	Montanez	VA

Lots of studies show that there is a link between people who abuse animals and people who commit violent crimes against humans. This maximum sentence will keep these criminals off the streets and will give recognition to the offenders that this is a serious crime. My hope is that this will get more violent criminals off the streets and will save animal and human lives.

Jenna	Bivone	GA
Samuel	Russell	FL
Candy	Shreve	TX

Judy	Clark	TX
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Dog fighting is psychopathic. These horrible men cannot be rehabilitated. GET THEM OUT OF SOCIETY !!!
This must stop!!! if you can get tougher now it will also help stop all that backyard irresponsible breeding going on which then they use for bait or fighting

Susan	Salcedo	CA
Christy	Bryan	WA

The punishment Should fit the crime!!!
I think that the punishment should fit the crime. Animals cannot always stand up for their own rights, we need to fight for them.

Jennifer	Shunk	PA
nadine	johnston	
Nuberia	Barthell	TX

please help us get dogfighting stopped
Great Idea. I am totally with you on that.
I strongly believe that dog fighting is a terrible thing and anyone who is caught doing it should face the maximum sentence of 5 years or more.

Victoria	Graves	AR
Crystal	Rodriguez	IL

In my opinion, dog fighting isn't just cruel...it's inhumane. No dog or animal in general should be treated the way they are, and they need the love that they deserve. Those who believe that dog fighting is okay or those who participate in the act should not only pay for it with time in jail, but they should also need to pay for veterinary services for any injured dogs that were fortunately saved by their selfish acts. Please make this happen.

Alyssa	StJohn	PA
Samuel	Russell	FL
Debra	Warwick	NJ
Debra	Warwick	NJ
Douglas	Warwick	NJ
Laura	Kugelman	CA
Holly	Gosnell	SC

The sentence doesn't fit the crime, we need stronger deterrents to stop this horrible crime. People engaged in dog fighting are usually engaged in other crimes as well. Also, exposing children to this level of heartless and extreme violence creates a lack of empathy and compassion that will lead them to commit the same violence. The breeding and torture it takes, the bait dogs used, it's a cycle of violence that must be stopped. Please, make sentences fit the crime!

Julie	Stahl	IL
erin	mccormack	IN
Krystina	Paez	TX

This has inspired me

Ian	Matheson	NH
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Maximum sentence prescribed by Congress should be followed, animal cruelty is not a victimless crime like people usually think. You need to understand that (science proven) an adult dog is the equivalent of a 3yr old child; but only if owners interact with them by playing, talking, showing love, teaching and discipline but not yelling, or hitting! Upgrade your fines by doubling them and longer jail time sentences. they are helpless against the hatefulness and cruelty of sick humans. the same people who batter, neglect and abandon animals will also do it to children! (Also proven fact.) Just do it and you'll be glad you did.

Edna	Maturkanich	IN
Kristy	warhola	PA
Sandra	Benson	FL
Lena	Townsend	NY
Lena	Townsend	NY
brandie	herrera	TX

Please put an end to horrific dog fighting. So cruel !!

Etta	Elliott	SC	I think this is a great organization, and having three dogs of my own makes me a big supporter. I absolutely despise any form of animal cruelty and dog fighting is absolutely barbaric.
Meg	Hoffman	PA	
Sue	Garvey	AZ	I fail to comprehend how making and watching animals of any sort, fight, maim, and/or kill each other could give anyone any pleasure unless you are very, very sick mentally. That opinion applies to all people involved in promoting any of those activities including law enforcement and judicial branches that turn a blind eye. Disgusting.
Devin	Layton	MO	
linda	mason	WA	
Beth	Anderson	PA	
Shonda	Carpenter	FL	
Chris	Harris	MI	
Karen	Kagee	IA	
Teresa	Carter	IN	I will never get why they do this. As far as I am concerned the punishment doesn't fit the crime. It is just sickening that they do this. Anyone with a heart wouldn't. We need way more harder penalties on people who dog fight. It is one of the cruelest sports I know of. No animal deserves this. Now is the time to make it stop. Get tougher on dog fighting now!!!!
Carey	Frank	IA	
Linda	Germano	OH	The Punishment Should Fit the Crime: Tell the U.S. Sentencing Commission to Crack Down on Animal Fighting!
Justina	Michaels	PA	
Noel	Quinn	NJ	
Cynthia	Lauer	GA	
Katie	Burris	SC	
Chaylee	McAdam	RI	
falicia	harrison	MI	
Cydney	Chastain	GA	
rebecca	green	MS	
Sebastian	Tota	PA	
Toni	Ostroskie	CA	
Nicole	Dudley	VA	
Kailie	Bowers	NC	
BETH	HUGHES		
Ryleigh	Skidgell	ME	

dog fighting is gross!

I am a pre-vet med student. Glad something is being done about this.

Please stop dog fighting!!!!

baeley	newberry	TX
Sergio	Hennessy	CA
Tammy	Goodman	MI
Zora	Berman	NJ
Jillian	Chopyak	NY
Victoria	Cross	NM
Robin	pugh	CA
Andrea	Langham	OH
Paula	Trump	RI
Anya	Hernandez	MI
Samuel	Rich	ME
Keith	Cunningham	SC
amy	farrand	AZ
Janice	Iannelli	NY
Alyssa	Sparacino	
Lacy	Butler	TX
Jesse	Storbeck	
tara	dupuis	LA
Angela	Jackson	NC
tara	dupuis	LA

Nothing or no one should ever be hurt.

Abuse of creatures that are completely at our mercy is sadistic and heartbreaking. As a civilized and intelligent species, human have a duty to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Being a different species doesn't make them objects! Dogs deserve better, and people who abuse them deserve a harsher sentence.

Paulina	Prosnitz	CA
katelynn	harvey	CA
Tara	Schroeder	NJ
Jennifer	Gonzalez	AZ
Kaitlyn	Drozdowicz	FL
Lindsey	McGonigal	
Natalie	Cordero	
Caren	Hackley	MO
elena	sarris	MI
Teresa	Payne	TN
Zachary	DeVille	LA
Matt	Zeiner	
Beth	Baade-Hicks	

Becky	Burton	NJ
Kristen	Welling	NY
Barbara	Guthrie	MA
stephanie	liermo	FL
Claudia	Gonzalez	FL
catherine	willmann	WI
Sharon	Evans	MS
Lauren	Champagne	VT
Samuel	Rich	ME
katie	novy	MO
Rhonda	Whitten	OH
Diane	Zimmerman	CA
Diane	Zimmerman	CA
Brittany	Zebrowski	FL
Stephen	Hufsmith	
Melissa	Herrera	MD
Tina	Geiselman	PA
Chelsey	Rausch	NJ

Jo	Withington	AZ
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If we consider ourselves a "civilized" society we must take care of creatures who cannot take of themselves and are at the mercy of those who would harm them.

Angela	Kopf	
Tammy	Ussery	GA
Felix	Gonzalez	TX
Natasha	Bramley	OR
Madalyn	Johnson	IL
Maria	Finch	MN
april	tackett	IL
eric	campbell	NY
Barbara	Wlazlo	NY
cate	crismani	CA
Andrea	Ramirez	NY
Taylor	Downes	
Nadia	Oseguera	CA
Dawn	Sears	DE

I agree with the above letter and ask for maximum sentencing for dog fighting criminals. The pain and anguish these beautiful animals endure is horrific and must no longer go unpunished.

The Punishment Should Fit the Crime

Lou Ellen	Hogan	MN
Tiffani	Anderson	NJ
stacie	jarvela	MN
J	LaMantia	IL
Kate	Smith	NH
Kimberly	Gill	
Michele	Ryanczak	FL

I ask you to please be their voice make the punishment for their crime against animals loud and clear so there can be no question as to their sentence!

Cruelty towards an animal is no less a crime than cruelty towards humans. Dogs are innocent lives who care and love their owners so much they will do ANYTHING to please them. Pitbulls are loyal breeds, almost to a fault, but why should they go through hell because it's in their nature to be man's best friend? A dog reflects it's owner and what it has been taught. Any person who can watch two innocent dogs fight to the death for joy and for money is a sick individual. It is also a proven fact that serial killers' first victims are likely to be an animal. Abuse towards an animal is a gateway to crimes against humans. The people who find money more appealing than life are not going to stop at one crime. Not sentencing them harshly enough only conveys one message "You can get away with what you did". Then you have a criminal on a head rush, wondering what more they can get away with. Not to mention, not punishing these criminals harshly enough also doesn't stop the next sick person from doing it. Perhaps if our government made punishments more than slaps on the wrists, people would think twice before committing a crime. Your decision, dear law makers, is a crystal clear one. Can you live with yourself if you didn't take a stand to save a dog? Or how about this, would you be able to live with yourself if one of your loved ones were bit by a dog trained for fighting by a monstrous human and know you didn't do your part in preventing the crime by enforcing true punishments for the people who commit such evil?

Tabetha	Grubb	KY
Carmel	Palm	ND
Ashley	Chengerian	CA
Kevin	Reece	GA
Dwayne	Garrett	
Morgan	Cowell	
Elda	kramarski	IL

I support this one hundred ten percent
 Maybe if it was a mandatory 10 year sentence, with no possibility of parole, we wouldn't have as big a problem as we do.

Brian	Earwood	TN
nancy	swanson	OR
Tina	Oliveto	NJ
Rachel	Bollaro	NJ
Constance	Tiano	TN
Lisa	Kurtz	LA
Danniele	Centeno	AZ
Beverly	Smith	GA
Kayla	Hunt	IL
Nanci	Ives	WA
Karen	Aldrich	NY
Kayla	Hunt	IL
Mary	Johnson	FL
Sarah	Beauchamp	FL
Kailyn	welling	NY
Brian	Smargiassi	AZ
Rheya	Michener	TX
Laura	Fontenot	LA
Heather	Miller	CO
Kathryn	Mahoney	CA
Andrwa	Giza-O'Neill	PA
Heidi	Betts	
Kristen	Frisch	OH
Scott	Vorisek	
Roxie	Stone	IN
Ananda	Nahu	NY
Anne	Betts	
angela	Derooy	CA
Anna	Palkie	
Oxana	Bowers	MD

We must protect the voiceless!! Please stop these cruel criminals from harming any more animals or humans with mandatory, longer jail time!!

Please send the message that the horrible cruelty towards the animals forced into fighting - both the fighters and the "bait" dogs - is unacceptable and will be severely punished.

Please make tougher laws for the crimes committed in dog fighting. Please help to stop the horrible abuse and suffering...Thank you!

As an owner of two rescued pit bulls, it is appalling that such little accountability is involved with animal cruelty. We wouldn't allow someone to treat our children that way, and shouldn't allow our pets, our extended family members to be treated that way either.

Becki	True	NV
Kimberly	pardi	FL
Jada	Lanham	OH
Tammy	Rhodes	NC
patricia	beltran	NV
Amy	Heckman	
Arkady	Vyatchanin	FL
Treasure	Gutierrez	CA
Cassie	Branyik	WI
Melanie	Wagner	OH
Tina	Mitchell	OH
h	f	CT
casey	reinert	
Darlene	Devereaux	CO
Josephine	Acosta	TX
Jennifer	Kelly	
Melanie	Koz	VA
Carol	Harknesd	MI
Shannon	Custer	OR
Dajana	Sarajlic	MA
Deborah	Mino	NY
Lori	Stockfisch	LA
Frances	Sherwood	NC
Heidi	Andersen	TX
Noreen	Farrell	OH
Joel	Ogonowski	NJ
Christopher	Miyake	CA
lisa	antonsen	WI
Noelia	Guzman	
Brandilyn	Ray	KY
Charmaine	Guerrero	
Jordan	Roetzer	
Caitlin	Neal	TX
Kathy	Mazur	IN
Meredith	Berry	NC
Kara	Wilson	NY
Monica	Arce	NJ

#DogLivesMatterToo a life is a life. You be that change. Speak for the unspoken.

Helen	Norris	WA
Lisa	Monahan	
Kristin	L.	
Jacquelyn	Jones	NC
Luis	Flores	CA
Carolan	Carey	
Lise	Hull	OR
n	Dos santos	CA
Debra	edwards	CA
Portia	Garrow	
Zaria	Morales	MD
lynne	welling	
Lisa	Powell-Huberty	GA
Erin	LaVoie	NJ
Amanda	Maling	CA
Mirko	Gardilcic	TX
Marie	Dickenson	VA
Chrisel	Myburgh	
James	De Lara	
stephen	stark	MO

I can't believe that we live in a country that permits crimes like this to continue. ONLY SIX MONTHS in jail for killing and laming of animals is just a slap on the wrist. They get out of jail or prison, steal some more dogs (maybe from your backyard), abuse them to make them mean, pit them against each other, dispose of the bodies, and do the cycle all over again. At some point they will get tired of animals, and then what are you going to do? I am a registered voter, and if you want my vote...get tougher on animal abuse. Stop the PIT Fights! It could lead to more dangerous endeavors. I also believe fines should be imposed in all states. Illegal gambling on sports outcomes have fines of \$2,000 and more. No one gets hurt in these situations except the sucker that bets. Animals are living sentient beings and as a living being deserve respect and as a vulnerable species deserve protection. Anyone violating them should pay.

Melanie	Humphrey	TX
Judith	Parsons	OH
carol	stolzenburg	NJ
Debra	Ceeke	

			ANIMAL ABUSE NEEDS TO STOP ASAP! THE JUDGES NEED TO BE TOUGHER ON ABUSER'S! AND STOP JUST GIVING THEM A SLAP ON THE HAND. WHAT EVER HAPPEN TOO THE NEW LAW IT'S A FELONY TOO ABUSE AN ANIMAL? WHY ISN'T IT BEING USED?
PATRICIA	PARTRIDGE	NY	
Pauline	King	FL	
Elizabeth	Hurlbut	IN	
Roxane	Patterson	OH	
			we are supposed to be a civilized country, yet we allow this horrible cruelty go on. The abuse of animals has been proven to be linked with serious psychological illness, even serial killers. It has also been proven dogs, and all animals have emotional feelings, like terror, feel pain, and are highly intelligent. To let these perpetrators go with minimal to no severe punishment lets them free to do it to more animals or to human beings. Lets start punishing these people so they fear doing this because of the severe results.
Jane	Heiar		
rachel	daniels	AK	
Marie	Wong	NY	
			The punishment should fit the crime! why do we kill a dog when it bites a child and not a man who violates her/him? animals are capable of more love than humans will ever deserve, specially dogs. Give abusers jail time earned for their crimes!
Diana	Marin	CT	
mary	regan	PA	
			The sentencing for people who fight dogs should be more severe. These poor animals do not have a voice so we need to do something about this. They do not deserve to be through that kind of torture for some idiot to make money! Stop ALL dog fighting and any cruelty forever!! Come on everyone, really, how could anyone think it's alright
Shannon	Savage	IN	
liz	mccormick	FL	
Anna	srebro		
Myphon	Hunt	CA	
Mallory	Kerley	NY	
			Please make sure that people who fight animals are punished to the fullest extent of the law!
Tamara	Jhingoorie	NY	
kelli	mclawhorn	VA	
			Together, we can ensure that people who fight animals are punished to the fullest extent of the law and make the world a safer place for animals. Thank you for being a voice for the victims of animal fighting!
			People should be locked up for dog fighting Dogs are companions not fighters!!This animal abusers should be punish to the maximum! They can obviously kill a life ..no respect at all ,therefore a stronger punishment should be implemented !!!
Danna	Mariscal	NJ	

Christina	Hawk		Please make tougher laws and sentencing for animal abusers! Please stand up innocent animals. They do not have a voice except for those of us who choose to care. Please protect them!
Veronica	VanGordon	NY	
Susan	Winderman	NJ	
Karen	Terry	OH	
Sherrie	Guerrero		
Ligia	Chadwick	MD	Dog fighting is abhorrent and cruel! It has no place in society and should be outlawed! Please get tougher penalties in place to punish those who engage in such horrid activity. Dogs deserve to be protected, not tortured and no one should benefit from their suffering.
Nicayla	Ingham	MO	I think it's amazing what these people do to save animals, I myself rescued my cat from the kill list at my local shelter and he is the best thing to happen to me! So thank you!! Dog fighting is not a victimless crime. These animals do not want to fight and the barbarians who engage in this practice should spend YEARS in prison. If the sentences were tougher, we could stop this senseless act of animal cruelty.
Katy	Vega	FL	
Diane	Cunningham	CA	
RR	Kaye	FL	
RR	Kaye	FL	
Alexis	Lum	NY	
Mana	Myers	NC	I'm almost speechless! How can humans be so cruel? (This is the nightmare that will wake me up tonight...) Think of the impact this atrocity has on the workers' souls! So let's spare the animals and the workers as well.
Mana	Myers	NC	A loophole? Despicable, deplorable, immoral. Thank the good Lord we don't need to eat meat, which I happen to love the taste of. But I'm a recent convert to vegetarianism, which as it turns out it doesn't require discipline - just a conscience. ridiculous 6 months, time to get real and give these assholes a mandatory 10 years not only will you cut down on dogfighting, but all the other illegal things that ride along with it, drugs/betting/guns, get some cajones and do something right for a change
jan	noyes	NH	
Meredith	Hulsey	TX	
Kim	Salerno	NJ	

Mana	Myers	NC	<p>When you know how much cruelty, suffering, needless pain SO MANY animals are subjected to for just one fight - and for what? Certainly not a "sport" that decent upright citizens engage in. It's deplorable, atrocious, and leaves deep scars on the soul. Not to diminish the suffering of the animals, but we the people, suffer as well.</p> <p>Animal fighting is in all communities, not just big cities. Aside from the barbaric cruelty that the animals are victims of, there are often other crimes associated with dog fighting such as illegal weapons, drugs, extortion, child abuse, sexual assault, arson and so on. In order to crack down on this despicable activity there needs to be laws passed to give law enforcement the tools needed to catch these criminals and truly crack down against dog fighting.</p>
Becky	Clemens	SC	<p>If this were all okay, why not fight humans against their will? How about bull elephants? Baboons? How about cats? Ferrets? This is never okay. It is never okay to force two individuals, regardless of species, to engage in violent activities for any reason. These are puppies raised to fight-to-the-death against other such puppies until they are old and strong enough to actually kill. Animals who've been starved, dehydrated and beaten and broken to the point where it becomes normal to fight to survive in a domestic setting. This is not okay for our pets of over 40,000 years. Yes, it has been at least that long since the earliest domestication of canines from wolf-related species. Their name is "Canis lupus familiaris." We are "Homo sapiens sapiens." We've hunted and lived side by side for a longer period of time than we've been farming on this Earth. Is this the legacy we want, or that they deserve, after all of that? Fighting for human financial gain? It is an absurd thought that this can be allowed, and therefore, ethically, it cannot be.</p>
Gerard	Schafhautle	NY	<p>This activity is demeaning for the people involved...the breeders, fighters, and spectators...to use animals and not care if both or one gets injured or killed is barbaric. Would you want someone like this living around YOU? What or who is next for thrills?</p>
Bethel	Zamora	CA	
caron	proffer	IL	
Maria	Lopez	FL	
Kerstin	Plemrl	NV	
rachael	gunner		
Patty	Popadyn	PA	
Molly	White	NY	

Teri	Darnall		
ILDIKO	SZENESSY	CT	DOG FIGHTING IS ANIMAL ABUSE PEOPLE NEED TO BE PUNISHED FOR DOING IT.
Nancy	Gerrity		
CHRIS	SCHOON	IA	
Danielle	Frick		
Tambra	Howard	IL	
Vicki	Cross	FL	
Judy	Zachary	MA	Please help us protect innocent animals from the greed and hatred of heartless criminals. The current guidelines need to be updated to reflect the society we see as 'enlightened'.
Amy	Dozier	NY	
Jennifer	Johnson	NJ	
victora	keeling	IA	We need to be stricter with our laws for all animal cruelty.
Rosa	Spark	FL	
Maurine	Lembesis	NY	Commissioners--please take action this cycle to make these changes. This is an outrageous crime against so many innocent animals and the current sentencing guidelines provide no deterrent and send no real message to reflect the horrific nature of this crime. I urge you to take action against this type of cruelty. Please speak for me and for the animals with your actions. They are counting on you and so are all of us who take this crime so seriously. The people engaged in these activities are often capable of hurting people too. Your move to make these changes protects us all.
sujatha	Bitrakanti		
jessica	cooper	CA	
TIFFANY	ROBERTS	KY	
Leslie	Poulos	NJ	I'm 100% in...animal cruelty needs to be taken seriously. Enough is enough!!!!
vanessa	lopez	GA	
Laurette	Fabick	FL	Please stop the torture. Begging you. Violence in all it's forms must be addressed and punishment must fit the crime. The link between animal and human violence has been proved and we must take all steps necessary to break the cycle. Animals used in dogfighting suffer horribly and to allow humans to profit from abuse and death can not continue.
Lorraine	Dumas	KY	
Emily	Mowers	CA	

Yvonne	Sonera	NV	the fact that no strict guidelines exist for these MF's has forever enraged me. i am appalled at this time and age animals are allowed to be treated this way with no consequences. how can this abuse stop if we allow it to never change uuuuuuugh people disgust me!
melissa	stacey	GA	Dog fighting should hold higher penalties, people like Michael Vick should be put on a registry like sexual predators they shouldn't be allowed to ewver own any type of animal ever
Stacey	Axelrod	NY	
kristy	pipkins	CA	
Tracie	Moehl	CA	#GetTough stop this activity by punishing those degenerates involved. Domestic canines depend on humans to provide them with food, shelter, medical care, and love. They also depend on us to stand up for them against society's cruelest members. Five years in jail for the atrocities committed by dog fighters is a joke. The penalty needs to be more more substantial to deter these monsters who only care for themselves from committing these crimes.
Danielle	Gillette	FL	People should NOT use animals for anything except to LOVE and CUDDLE.
mandi	salazar	VA	
leela	stewart	VA	
aron	shevis	NY	
Shaw	Ron	KY	
Renee	Marcum-Losey	KY	We need to ensure that the punishment fits the crime and this would be a small step taken in that direction. Please take this action!
vanessa	lopez	GA	People that tight animals are cruel and vicious. To take an innocent trusting animal such as a dog and deliberately mistreat and torture it to make it mean is unforgivable and disrespectful of living things. There is something Evil within a person to abuse any living thing that God created.... These people are psychopaths and should be put in jail for their haneous crimes and never allowed back into society . They have no respect for life and will do it again or worse.
bangaly	bashir	GA	
Patricia	Jones	PA	
Suse	Freiberg	DE	we need tougher laws and punishment for animal fighting and abuse... show people that the law will no longer give a slap on the wrist for animal cruelty.
megan	roxby	GA	This vilness has gone on for far too long.
Beverly	Bullock	NY	

Janet India	Rowland Staller	KY	<p>people who promote or enjoy this kind of barbarism are a threat to society and should not be allowed to walk free. Anyone who preys on innocent animals will also prey on innocent people. By allowing them to walk free without adequate penalty encourages them to continue their barbarism. This puts not only animals at risk, but the people who cannot look the other way, and must take action to help the animals they see in these situations. Please, update the guidelines to better reflect appropriate punishment in these convictions.</p>
Diane aron Lisa	Glem shevis Caspari	MN NY MA	<p>The day we can change these laws and make these animal abusers held accountable will be a remarkable day for everyone who has a compassionate heart. Please hear our plea for this amazing breed. There is no bad dog only bad owners!</p>
Barbara	Mitchell	FL	<p>Dog fighting needs to be considered a felony for everyone involved. Those breeding/buying/selling dogs, using them as bait dogs, using them as fighting dogs as well as spectators who are joining in by attending fights, gambling, and encouraging these horrific acts. The sentence for all involved that do any harm to these dogs needs to be a minimum of at least 5 years in prison along with fines, never allowed to own a dog and added to the FBI's list of animal abusers. We need stricter laws to start doing something of substance to stop dog fighting!</p>
Alyssa Jen	Paquette Manders	NH IA	<p>These animals deserved so much more from humanity. Please don't let these horrific actions go so horrifically under punished.</p>
Amy	Lopez	KY	<p>Getting tough in Ky. Love,Cisco,Ada,Achilles,Gabe and Molly <3</p>

Angela	stanford	CA	<p>The type of behaviors and morality that people who participate in and propagate dog fighting are the same people who have or will commit much more heinous crimes (although in my eyes there is nothing above profiting off of animals bred, tortured, and forced to fight to the death). If we truly believe that we are either rehabilitating or preventing those types of people, then make sure the sentencing is effective enough to do so. The current guidelines fall FAR below what is justified and effective. We need your help to end this grotesque chapter in our society. Please...make the punishment fit the crime. Animal abuse and torture is not a minimum sentence crime. It is more horrendous than prank calling. It is more abominable than copyright infringement. Make the sentencing mirror that fact. Thank you. I agree that dog fighting should result in prison time and in my opinion longer than 5 years. Animals should be loved and trained to love, not to be vicious.</p>
Kaylei	Kennedy	AR	
Howard	Graves	GA	
Garrett	Kabinoff	FL	
Brandon	Mettler	IN	
Tina	Abrahamson	SD	<p>I absolutely do agree that the laws should change, Congress needs to to update the laws so the sentences reflect the crimes. Dog fighting is a horrific crime inflicted upon these poor animals who have done absolutely nothing to deserve such a thing! And people who are ignorant of these things need to remember it is the Deed, not the Breed!</p>
charity	jones	TX	
Pyka	Lou	MN	
Jessica	Hagen		<p>We need this to stop animal fighting is crucial and just as inhumane as abuse. animals are not for fighting they are to love. Please help to make harsher punishment for they cannot speak up and say they hate it or it hurts them they need you to protect them and care about them. Animal protection is being ignored by most of our elected officials in Kentucky. Many citizens are working to make us a better state for all animals.</p>
Becki	Winchel	KY	
Gabrielle	Lovero	PA	<p>Help end this!</p>
Roselyn	Biggs	IA	<p>Hate dog fighting and the people that raise their dogs so cruelly. They deserve to rot in jail. Dogs are so loyal and deserve more than that. They trust us and we can't let them down like that. There must be appropriate sentencing for anyone convicted of dog fighting.</p>
Pamela	Lyons	CA	

Lindsie DeFrang ND
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I live in upstate New York where people just get rid of their animals on the side of the road or kill them when they can't afford them my family and I have 3 dogs and 1 cat/dog lol all rescued and if I had the means we would take in more

James Dahlin NY
Jody Brackman NY
Robert Thoryk NY
Denise Coffey IL
Lisa Koutek WA
Cindy Denmark CT
Laurie Fabick FL
K L OR
Maria Fadri NC
Valentina Kogan NY
Jacqueline Kovacs NY
Kathyleen Kunkel NM

Denise Coffey

Libby Waite MD

Actually my opinion is that the 5 year prison term should be the MINIMUM NOT the maximum. People involved in animal fighting KNOW they are in the wrong and are being cruel to animals and should, therefore, go to prison for a minimum of 5 years.

Keli Blankenship AZ
Kammy Mandeville NY
Shari Hausbeck CO
Allison Como MD
Tara Yates TX
Nicole Gigliotti NY
Christine Fahlstrom MN

A slap on the wrist for the horrible things done to dogs (and all animals) is way to little a deterrent. Please make it unacceptable to continue these painful, killing acts to happen. Let the punishment fit the crime!

Libby Berman KY
Sandra Costa NY
Hope Steele MA
LuAnn Havers NC

Please do this it must be done.

Mary Ann Spinder NY

Please will you amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines. This is a very serious and cruel crime. Someone needs to protect these poor, innocent animals from this abuse. Thank you very much.

Colleen	Mulcahy	MN
J. David	Scott	OR
Vonda	Burroughs	MS

Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.

Margret	Dunlap	NY
linda	lynch	NY
Erica	Davidson	NJ

Animals need to be protected from creeps and other bad people. They can not speak for themselves. Please stongly consider the maximum prison sentences for these people. You are the only one who can make a difference. Thank you for your consideration.

Beverly	Bryant	CA
Debra	Wiedenhoeft	IL

Any person who abuses animals or humans should be punished and receive a prison sentence. This is something that is very important to my family. Our dog came from an abused past. We would want nothing more than less dogs experiencing the pain and trauma that our Yadi experienced. For this to occur, stiffer penalties need to be in place and utilized for animal cruelty criminals.

Mandi	Tennison	IL
Linda	Zotter	NY
susan	beale	NY
Parker	prysiazniuk	NC

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i love aspca!!
This cruel and inhumane action does nothing but enrich the owners or sponsors of this type of cruelty. Let your sentencing guidelines reflect these non values and serve as deterrents to this type of "sporting event"

David	Trask	NY
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who take pleasure in being violent to animals, or even those who enjoy spectating, for example spectators of dog fighting, are likely to become violent towards other people, especially women and children. Many people are watching closely in the hope you greatly increase the punishment for this abhorrent abuse of animals. What sickens millions of people is not just these people who are the very ugliest section of humanity, but the often inept sentences meted out, for example a mere ban on keeping dogs in the future. The government and courts must be aware of the fury generated among voters when we see such pathetic leniency to the sort of people who use cats and kittens and fox cubs to be ripped apart by dogs being trained to fight, which does not deter others from committing the same offences. It is just not good enough for a government to say the courts are independent and decide the appropriate punishments. If a country is serious about wanting to stamp out appalling cruelty to animals, people need to be properly punished. Similarly, there is evidence that people even witnessing violence towards animals (eg spectators of dog fighting,) often are shown to become violent towards other people. As you will know, these dogs are a severe danger to people as well there have been thousands of cases all over the world where people, especially children, have been catastrophically injured and even killed by dogs trained to fight. Dogfighting activities attract other serious crimes, such as gambling, drug dealing, weapons offenses and money laundering. It is not unusual for children to be victimized by this culture as well - either taken to fighting events by the very adults they should be able to count on to shield them from harm, or chronically exposed to squalid and dangerous living conditions. I know many people around the world, not just in

peter	collins	MA
Dale	Walsh	NY
Pamela	Torok	PA
Julie	Fissinger	NY

CONNIE	LAWSON	MD
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PLEASE MAKE PEOPLE THAT LET DOGS FIGHT DUE TIME MAKE THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME. PLEASE WE ARE TALKING FOR ANIMALS THAT DON'T HAVE VOICES, WE ARE THEIR VOICES.

Jeremy	McNally	NY
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I'm sure you'll be bombarded by all the facts about dogfighting that hurt our society and economy. This is a senseless act of violence and a precedent needs to be set. Don't wait for another celebrity story to bring this to national light. Tighten the chains on dog fighting penalties please.

Mindi Mitchell OR

Please do all you can to enforce greater punishment to those individuals who engage in such horrific activities. The animals desperately need our help. Thank you so much!!

Evelyn Kocket NY
K L OR

Dog Fighting is a Cruel sport and any individual(s) involved in this senseless activity should be held accountable for their actions

Susan Sundell CT
Elizabeth Peralta RI
Edward Wintraecken NY
Lynn Mooe CT
Ann Wiseman IL
Dana Sanchez CO

As a civilized society, we must protect those who have no voice. Animals fall in this category. Please do the right thing and update the guidelines to reflect the maximum penalty possible.

Michele Lombardo TN
alena jorgensen CA
ELAINA OZEROFF NE
James Rizzolo FL

This is the most horrible practice and brutality practice towards dogs. They use poor, unsuspecting "bait dogs" who have no idea they are supposed to fight and are bitten and hurt so bad - imagine their suffering and they didn't do anything to deserve it. You MUST stop this practice and sentence these cruel people to long prison terms - not just a small fine and slap on the wrist with a short prison sentence. This is very cruel and I am ashamed that this is allowed to be happening in my country. Save these animals and stronger punishments toward the offenders.

Beverly Cleary SC
eva grzelak NY
Monica Mesikapp IL
Doreen Frega NJ
Denise Field GA
Michelle Dowalo PA
John Doerich NY
Eric James MA
Lynette Sorrell MS
Melissa Waters NY
Tina Fox MD
Larry Skelton NY

These individuals are sick, they need mental help.

Victoria	Decos	NJ	Punishment must be made ! These animals have no one but us to be their voice and fight for them! Jail it is!
Sandra	Naidich	NY	
Jeffrey	Calachino	PA	Please make those pay a huge price for animal fighting. What kind of people are they anyway??? Dangerous themselves indeed. Please do whatever possible to make this a lengthy punishment. Ty
Lydia	Vargas	NY	
Judy	Rodakis	VA	Whatever you need me to do to help free these animals from the abuse and cruelty they face each and everyday,I will do. It's time for these money-hungry self-righteous bastards to serve serious time for their crimes against these helpless creatures. Judy Rodakis Registered voter Virginia Beach VA Please crack down on dog fighting, it's a barbaric brutal sport, We Are Their Voice!!!
Sally	Keller	CA	
sharon	chang	LA	all animals deserve protection from man's cruelty!anyone who goes to a dogfight are participates in any way should be treated as a felon!20 years prison time with the murderers and rapists!
Diane	Buscham	NJ	
Jodi	Apitzsch	OH	
Sheri	DeOrio	PA	
Barbara	Reed	TX	Please amend the animal fighting guidelines. This is an extremely brutal and serious crime and needs to reflect this in the maximum prison sentence allowed. The animals cannot ask for help. It is up to us to protect them!
Mary	Victor	TX	
J	MOSLEY	VA	
carol	kieda	PA	
KAREN	Hockemeyer	WI	
Sarah	Hamilton	NY	
Nancy	Rector	CO	
Pat	Eck	IL	We need to put these terrible people in jail at least 5 years. Look at Mike Vick, he got off and then was allowed to play football again. This is a terrible thing, and those poor dogs don't want to fight, they are forced. There are so many wonderful pit bulls out there, we need to protect them. Please do this.

Kelly	Snyder	IL	Animals, like dogs, rely on people to teach them how to behave. When a human misuses this trust and teaches the animal to be aggressive, he or she not only endangers the animal's life through the fights and ongoing stress of such an existence, but also endangers the possible quality of life the animal may have if rescued. Animals who are trained to be aggressive will have to spend precious days, weeks, years re-learning how to trust humans and other animals. This may seriously hurt the animal's chance of adoption and a place in a loving home. Please amend federal animal fighting sentencing guidelines to more accurately reflect the seriousness of this crime. Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue!
Sherrie	Shields	IL	People like Micheal Vick get off to easy after the torture these animals are subject to. Make the law fit the crime! PLEASE I am unclear whether 5 years is enough time for these depraved criminals. Animals are to be loved and cherished, not beaten, mistreated, and trained to fight to the death. The people who do this are sick individuals who have no regard for anything.
Ann	McNew	AL	
Loretta	Caruans	NJ	All animals deserve love not violence
Leslie	Herzog	IL	Please use your influence to maximize the sentences for these abhorrent crimes.
Steven	Breiman	CT	We need at the very least do what's human for gods creatures if we can do it for each other. Please make the price a violator pays for their involvement in this horifying crime significant by passing this amendment to punish these violators to the fullest extent.
vicki	kratohwil	IL	
Edward	Wintraecken	NY	
Linda	Zotter	NY	
Bethany	Bastura	TX	
Wendy	Ruggeri	CT	
Rosemary	Futrovsky	MD	
Virginia	Bottorff	NY	
Julie	Kraus	MN	I, personally, would give them much more jail time! The people who perpetrate these terrible crimes must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It should be more than 5 years, but it is a good start. It is way passed time that these Human animals that are engaged in this type of crime and cruelty are treated as the sub-human class that they are and taken off the streets for longer periods of time. Research proves people that engage in animal cruelty are much more prone to cause harm to other Humans!!!! Please change the sentencing guidelines.
S	Logan	FL	

Jennifer Midgett VA
Lydia Vargas NY
Terry Walsh DE

Quote Mahatma Gandhi - The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated - Please help make our world a better place.

Jeffrey Hicken NJ
Rebecca McCoy TX
Mandi Tennison IL

The dogs never volunteer or agree to fight. The people behind this cruel activity deserve prison time. They need to realize that their decision to engage in this deadly pastime comes with serious consequences. Please consider this request as one of thousands that want the punishment to fit the crime.

Ruthanne Trunda IL
robert cobb TN
helen freedman PA

Dog fighting is barbaric and illegal, and we just can't understand why heartless, law-breaking, people who cannot possibly have a conscience, either, continue this abuse ... obviously the penalties in current effect are not stiff enough to deter them ... it's all about money, so putting offenders and anyone participating in or being a spectator to, in jail for a time, plus monetary fines, may be a start ... thank you so much for fighting to send a larger message to these horrible inhumane offenders!

Laura Lesando VA

A message needs to be sent to those who hurt animals that this will not be tolerated. This cruelty is just the first steps to big things like child abuse, spouse abuse and more. Please pass stronger laws with no loopholes.

BARBARA COLLINS FL

Please make these changes - these animals suffer tremendously and the owners are involved in so many other criminal activities- So harmful to society-women & children. The long term affects are devastating. Please please do the right thing and punish to the fullest extent and MORE !!!!!

Julie Harris MO
Amy Wahl FL
Shelby Scott AL
John Chapman WA
Beth Crews NC

A world without healthy, happy dogs is not a healthy world.

Barbara Adair GA
linda williams NJ
Christine Fahlstrom MN
Tracy Willis NY

The egregious practice of animal fighting MUST BE STOPPED & punished severely for those engaged in this horrible activity!

susan	beale	NY	Years ago, I saw a puppy being choked and hung in the air to train for fighting and I always said I would do what ever I could to stop dog fighting. Please hlep throw the book at these terrible people.
Gina	Marrocco	NJ	
robert	cobb	TN	
Barbara	Williams	FL	It is your duty and mine to speak up and protect these poor creatures who cannot save themselves due to the evil man inflicts on them. Do the right thing and issue the harshest punishment possible to these monsters.
Mary	Caldwell	CA	
Crystal	O'Leary	NY	
Danielle	Guzzardo	NY	
Annette	Hartshorne	WI	Forcing these unique, loving and intelligent animals to fight each other is a horrendous crime. Any person who does so should be harshly punished. Please, please do the right thing and approve this amendment.
bonnie	morrison	GA	
Norman	Enderle	IL	Thank you for the work you do for this cause
BARbara	Collins	FL	
Michele	Lombardo	TN	
Barbara	Hauck	FL	
Carolyn	Lane	SC	If we don't protect these animals, who will?
helen	grant	NY	
Dawn	Mason	PA	
Tiffany	Hutchins	AL	
C	Besse	LA	Animal fighting and any animal abuse deserve to be punished severely. The next step for most abusers is humans.
Sharon	Stansfield	NY	
			Please amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines to reflect the seriousness of this crime and affirm the brutality of animal fighting.

I am pleased to see that the government is finally stepping up for our animals. I have a dog myself that I rescued 5 years ago and he, Jay-Jay is the sweetest dog on earth. Dogs or any other animal have feelings too, and they know who is a good person (human). It is sad to see that animals are still having a much lower rank status in society. But many animals do their good to people in need, such as therapeutic animals for people with mental disorders, epilepsy or for blind people. Some of them are working dogs for law enforcement. Too many animals are abused and thrown away. It is so sad to see how these helpless creatures suffer and nobody seems to care when it comes to prosecuting their abuser. MANY just receive a fine but no jail time.

Daniela	Dukes	FL
William	Hughes	NJ
sharon	chang	LA
Jerrilynn	Tzakis	WI
Carole	Martine	FL
Meta	Ellis	AL
Annette	Hartshorne	WI
Ann	Gardiner	AZ
Diana	Shallenberger	PA
Michael	Wilson	NC
Julie	Fissingner	NY
Bechi	Currier	NJ

Any person who intentionally hurts, injures, or maims any dog, or cat, except for the purpose of self-defense, or in defense of another person, should not be allotted 'time for good behavior'. If the dogs weren't having 'a good time', the organizers should not be allowed any mercy, during their vacation from killing dogs.

TROY	McNEILL	NY
Wendy	Fulginiti	PA
Diane	Buscham	NJ
Ruth	Pick	NY

The law has been too lenient with these monsters. They must pay.

Diane	Arnold	GA
Mindi	Mitchell	OR

No living creature deserves the kind of horrific treatment these fighting animals must endure before they die a painful death. Please help!

6-26-2015, MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND I WRITE TO THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANIMAL FIGHTING GUIDELINES IN YOUR 2015/2016 AMENDMENT CYCLE. WE URGE YOU TO ACT THIS CYCLE TO UPDATE THE GUIDELINES TO BETTER REFLECT THE MAXIMUM PRISON SENTENCE OF 5-YEARS PRESCRIBED BY CONGRESS IN 2008!

THOMAS J. & ANN MARIE	FINN-CUSICK	PA
Lynette	Sorrell	MS
Lori	Ross	NJ
sally	kane	NY
Tina	Fox	MD
Henry	Piper	WA

IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

this a cruel thing to do to an innocent animal these cowards would not get in the ring with one of these dogs they are starving and have been beaten and abused they fight so hard to have relief these sub humans should be treated the very same way the law you cant treat a human this way but these are sub humans shouldn't have any rights at all

Linda	Bridges	MD
Sondra	Teixeira	MD
NANETTE	ALBAR	NJ

This is much needed and long overdue. Please, do the right thing and update and approve the guidelines to punish those who choose to continue to do these horrible things to these defenseless animals. Thank you for your attention to this very important issue!

Diana	Martinusek	NY
Linda	Marasco	FL
Lynette	Sorrell	MS
Jessica	Miracola	NY

Please, take compassion on those entrusted to us by being the stern voice and mighty fist for those who have none

Sarah	Barton-King	NY
ELAINA	OZEROFF	NE
James	De Lara	NM
james	johnson	NY
Margret	Dunlap	NY
Teri	Pisha	MI
Shari	Hausbeck	CO
Patrick	Pierquet	OH

It's okay if human beings want to beat each to death they have choices they have a voice. BUT dogs and animals all do not have a choice do not have a voice therefore it is up to those with a caring and aware voice to ban this outrageous and murderous act to be halted once and for all or are we still living in caves?

I would like to see these liw lifes made into gladiators,and made to fight to the death!

Joe	Warren	TX
Laura	Kuzma	FL
Lori	Mazloum	CA
Lorraine	Kittner	PA
eva	grzelak	NY
Helma	Cooley	CA
Kimberly	Bristol	FL
ALYCE	DILLON	NC
Doreen	Frega	NJ
Debra	Bradford	TX
Daniela	Dukes	FL
Ramona	Duvall	PA
Diane	Busch	OH
Christine	Partelow	CT
Sharon	Tozzi	NJ
Denise	Coffey	IL
Herminia	Espinosa	MI
Ruth	Pick	NY
nancy	perkins	NY
Susan	Heard	TN
Stephen	Gabelman	NY
Alan	Zeffer	NY
Nancy	Meredith	AR
Lauren	Hartung	NY
Stella	Delia	PA
Jack	Daniels	NY
Larissa	Matthews	NY
Evelyn	Kocket	NY
Roy	King	CA
Samantha	Tress	NY

We need to have harsher punishment

please help us and the animal, animals deserve better than this...

You know better!!!!
Please pass a strict amendment to stop all animal fighting.
When animals are treated with respect, so shall humans.
We are the protectors of these innocents.

MORE OF A DETERRENT NEEDED!! PLEASE LOOK AT THE
PICTURES OF DOG FIGHTING IF YOU NEEDS CONVINCING!!!
MORE THAN 5 YEARS IS NEEDED TO PUNISH THIS ANIMAL
TORTURE!!!!
PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE THAT ANIMAL CRUELTY WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED AND JUSTICE WILL BE SWIFT AND SEVERE. THANK
YOU

Beverly	Parker	NC	As with any crime, the only way to stop animal cruelty is to make the punishment strong enough that people will think twice before abusing helpless animals. We are the only advocates for abused animals. Let their pain be heard through stronger sentencing.
George	Latta	CA	
Pat	Eck	IL	
Dave	Simmons	OH	Animal fighting penalties MUST be increased! The penalty must fit the depravity of the crime! Animal fighting doesn't belong in a civilized society. Please increase the penalty at the Federal level.
Linda	Marasco	FL	
LORI	EDDY	NY	
Susan	Dietrich	IL	Please stop animal fighting and make the punishable offense lengthier and a felony. Thank you! Five years with no probation as a sentence is the very minimum. Those involved in this inhumane activity need to know and therefore be deterred that they are going to do serious time when caught promoting or engaged in this activity. Bystanders as well as owners and promoters should feel the wrath of a civilized society.
Roy	King	CA	
Ann	Borlo	MD	Of course those involved with any kind of animal fighting, or the theft of pets to "train" their animals to kill, should receive very stiff penalties - at least several years in prison. But attendees at these "events" should also be punished severely, unless they can prove that they were undercover police or investigative reporters.
Stan	Benton	TX	
Cindy	Loeber	UT	Please do consider this important guideline and do all in your power to protect innocent dogs. Thank you, Janeen Teixeira Activities like dog fighting are often linked with other criminal activity. Strengthening sentencing guidelines will keep criminals off of the streets. Please consider this amendment strongly as the United States should strive to be a humane country - for all living creatures. Thank you, Kathryn Gregorio
Sondra	Teixeira	MD	
Kathryn	Gregorio	NY	As long as the people who run dog fighting rings get off with a slap on the hand if they get caught - the dog fighting will never stop. We need stronger penalties for sponsors and spectators alike.
mary lou	wosilis	TN	
Steven	Breiman	CT	
mildred	chalmers	NJ	

David	Trask	NY	Many dogs are forced into fighting. Please do your part to help this sad and cruel crime for the sake of dogs, who have become a part of our families. Be the voice for the dogs and other animals who are forced into fighting for the enjoyment of our inhumane society.
Diana	Shallenberger	PA	
Steffanie	Adams	IL	Dog fighting must stop - this inhumane, cruel and disgusting practice has no place in any time period, but much less in 2015.
Christina	Bailey	GA	
Shelby	Scott	AL	—
Vicki	Casarett	NY	
Dorothy	Franks	NJ	Please consider an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines. There should be a maximum prison sentence of five years attached to this. Thank you for your consideration. I think of it this way - Michael Vick - he gets to walk around - and even still play Pro Football - and America gets to see him on National TV - after what he did. That in and of itself is a crime. Though you can't help that the NFL turned a blind eye to his crimes - the US government should not. This is an absolutely disgusting and antiquated practice that should have always been a crime. Now is the time to take a serious step towards making the people who decide to do this pay dearly for their choices.
Vincent	Campbell	NY	Think of going into the ring yourself and fight to the death with a someone who is also fighting for his life....only one will remain standing. How does that feel? Now get tough on these scumbags. Lock the up with every dog lover in prison and then check on them in 15-20 years.
dana	steel	TN	these people who continue to conduct themselves in such a sick manner need to be behind bars-they will not stop with dogs-sign this new amendment into law-please now!
ayn	silverman	NY	
kathy	haverkamp	NY	please make these sentences as harsh a possible, as it may be the only way that this cruelty will be discouraged and ended....
Candida	Ambroseo	NY	
Sandy	Hartline	TX	A person who abuses any animal in fighting is lacking in basic kindness and compassion. Please make the penalties very harsh to hopefully make a deterrent to this kind of behavior toward any defenseless animal.
Tara	Keyser	NY	Animal cruelty is a serious problem. Anyone who abuses, neglects, fights, or leaves an animal in a hot car should face stiff penalty. We need to be their voices and ensure the punishment fits the crime.

People too often don't view animals as the loving, innocent souls that they are. This often leads to heinous and cruel acts against them and there needs to be more punishment for such an awful crime.

Christine	Scally	NJ
Carol	Sinclair	NJ
Lynn	Diakogiannakis	NJ
bonnie	roberts	NJ
Laurie	Woodward	NY
denise	mcdermott	NJ
Megan	Schuermer	NY
Ann	Baron	NY

Animal fighting abuses animals, kills animals in torturous ways, promotes illegal gambling, supports organized crime, and inures humans to the mistreatment of all living creatures.

Vicki	Casarett	NY
Denise	Patterson	WI
Denise	Patterson	WI
Rebecca	Parker	GA
Rachel	Quint	NY

I highly recommend as an animal lover to simplify sentencing for judges. Our society needs to understand the ramifications of committing such heinous crimes as animal fighting carries a swift and severe punishment.

Juanita	Lane	CA
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We really need to stop this atrocious activity. Why are humans allowed to punish animals for their entertainment?! Are we still in the age of the gladiators? This country is supposed to be CIVILIZED and yet we allow this uncivilized practice to continue!! PLEASE make it illegal in all states and prosecute those found to the fullest!! Thank you!!
Dogs are starved, beaten, and tortured--to force them to fight to the death!!! People with no moral compass bet on these dogs! The SADISM, the cruelty, and the extreme suffering these dogs have to endure are simply horrific! Please update the guidelines and allow the maximum prison sentence of 5 (or even more if possible) as prescribed by Congress in 2008. Thank you for helping these animals because they CAN'T SPEAK for themselves!!!

Shari	Ide	PA
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Rose	Ogorzaly	IL
Rose	Ogorzaly	IL
kim	peeples	PA

Stricter penalties couldn't come soon enough. Dog fighting is a fetid sewer.

Bridget	Irons	PA
Megan	Bishop	PA

Nina	Gondos	AK	
Bob	Kostelecky	CO	
Jeannie	Pascuzzi	CA	
Bob	Kostelecky	CO	
Jeannie	Pascuzzi	CA	
Joe	Rabion	AL	
Heather	Quayle	MI	No animal deserves to live in such a cruel environment. Please help! I think it is so barbaric to treat animals this way. I would prefer harsher sentences because most get off with less time because of plea bargains and no prier convictions. It should be more than a slap on the wrist.
Raymond	Bartlett	PA	
Ronald	Usner	LA	
Ronald	Usner	LA	
Janice	Dannhauser	MO	How long must this go on? Please make it stop - now!
Janice	Dannhauser	MO	The stupidity of this practice is evident to most of us, all but the relative few who practice it. A law is a good basis to move to eliminate this despicable activity. Time in jail might impress these imbeciles.
Don	Wilson	UT	
claire	rushing	IL	
Tina	Klock	PA	
T	Thorpe	VA	
Steve	Paduhovich	PA	
Anna	Ortega	CA	
Sandra	Rodriguez	FL	
thomas	adkins	NH	
Stephanie	McCurry	TN	
Liz	Cameron	WA	
Catherine	Poor	CO	
Fedor	Paretsky	WA	You guys are great and fighting for the totally right stuff. Total supporter! Please make this black hearted people pay with time in prison in God's name...please PLEASE help the defenseless animals!! Hopefully, it'll save more animals in the future! Thank you very much!!
Albert	Aguilar	TX	
Stephanie	McCurry	TN	
Judith	Boykin	WV	
Jerri	Hall	FL	Speak up for those that depend on us to be their voice. Please!
Jordan	Johnson	GA	

MariaRenee	Piccione	CT
Arthur	Patton	SC
Tracey	coban	PA
David	Young	WI
Rich	Sheppick	PA
Liz	Cameron	WA
Lauren	Kanarek	NC

Dog fighting is cruel and The criminals that take part should receive the maximum Penalty for there crimes.
I'm an Animal lover and the law needs to get tougher on people who abuse or fight any animal.

Gail	LLOYD	LA
jane	malick-nugent	MA

Any type of animal abuse is unacceptable, cruel and appalling. The offenders should receive more than a fine or warning and receive the 5 years maximum prison sentence to exemplify the significance of their crimes. These harsh sentences will hopefully discourage future abuse of innocent animals nationwide. Thank you.

Kristi	Ames	CA
silvana	borrelli	PA
Claire	Sefiane	MO
Maria	Ansotegui	FL
Lisa	McGovern	NY
David	Land	MD

I am the proud animal parent of a cat that came from an abused home. He is well loved and very well taken care of now. However, his past owner inflicted pain upon him I can still see today in his behavior. Those who hurt my darling cat deserve a more sever punishment. We who love animals understand that animals can not always choose their homes, or how they come into this world. But those of us who love our pets can make a choice and give our pets the voice they deserve. Cruelty towards animals is no different than cruelty towards people. Please take the time to consider this bill and help those who do not have a voice receive the justice they deserve. Thank you sincerely from myself and for my darling cat, Loki.

Christina	Huggins	OH
seth	cooper	ME
Terri	Fugate	TN
Brenda	Baxter	TN
Brenda	Baxter	TN
Laurie	Rauch	NY
Dr. Cheryl	Resnick-cortes	NJ

Thanks. I am requesting 2 kits please. This is for me and my niece I want to explain the importance of it to her, thanks.

sidney	mcdonald	FL	<p>back to whom is reading this, have you ever seen just a 20 second clip of a dog fight when a dog does not want to fight? Based on the current sentencing i would say NO you have not. Dog fighting is a vicious, disgusting, torturous crime that is committed on a voiceless defenseless life that we call "mans best friend" The sentencing and fines are honestly a joke , they are laughable . A \$5000 fine ...they can make 5 times that amount in one fight how are these people to know not to this again when we don't take punishment seriously. These people convicted of these crimes are a danger not only to these helpless amazing animals but also to us. If a person can do that to voiceless animal imagine what they can do to you or I or our children , They are violent people committing crimes OF TORTURE ON A LIFE.. NOT A HUMAN LIFE ..BUT A LIFE NONE THE LESS. I personally believe 5 years is not enough but its a start . Please reconsider these extremely light sentencing and MAKE THE TIME MATCH THE CRIME!!!! Thank you, Sidney McDonald</p> <p>Help stop this senseless slaughter of animals this is abuse at it's worst...!! Give Dogs a fighting chance... Not the Owner...!! He needs to pay for his role in all of this. THE DOG SHOULD BE THE ONLY WINNER'S IN THIS FIGHT.....!!</p>
Kimberly A	Lozar	PA	
Elizabeth	Wright	AL	
kathy	bussiere	PA	
Barbara	Dorger	OH	
Christine	Tritton	CO	I remember my dad saying: "do unto others as though you were the others" and I wish these criminals could be in the "paws" of their victims just once. Maybe they would think twice??
Bradford	Hepler	MD	
Tracie	Conley	OH	
Mary	Hickey	OH	
gail	morin	MA	Please make the punishment much stronger for these horrible people who get enjoyment from this brutal activity. Dogs are wonderful and loving animals and do not deserve to be treated in this way. These people don't deserve to be in the same room as these sweet dogs.
Terri	Wilkinson	TN	
Crystal	Rector	AZ	
Misty	Bonnichsen	IA	
Misty	Bonnichsen	IA	

Brenda	Nash	GA
Nancy	Newton	IA
Nancy	Turk	GA
ariann	diffenderfer	CA

Please stop this barbaric practice. Parents should be role models of compassion for their children. When children see their parents treat animals this way, they grow up less compassionate, less caring, and less respectful of all living beings. Please help us build a compassionate nation. Crimes against animals are every bit as heinous as crimes against humans. Perpetrators need to feel the full measure of the law.

jennifer	natalie
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I am thrilled to see possible changes in guidelines. A change is absolutely necessary! i believe the maximum punishment should be turned into the minimum!!!! We can not continue to let this happen we must put them away and teach them lesson that we will not stand for this torture of these innocent beautiful lives! Theses are dangerous people I do not want in my community and do not feel safe knowing if they can order a pure innocent loyal life to FIGHT UNTIL DEATH ..that is pure evil and you need to be punished accordingly!!!! A \$5000 can too easily be made during one fight how is that even a punishment??? The sentencing needs to doubled and fines tripled. We need to make sure it is to much a risk for the person to dog fight that they never want to do it again!!!

Shirley	Minich	PA
Shirley	Minich	PA
virginia	mendez	FL
Eileen H.	Clary	NC
Melissa	Allen	FL
Carol	DeCrescentis	CT
wilson	carolyn	FL

Animal fighting is a very barbaric so called "sport" for some people who obviously have nothing better to do. These poor animals are not born this way and are trained to fight and not given any other choice and could of just as easily been trained to been therapy dogs if they had been given the chance. Thank you very much for your time on this very special topic.

Sandy	White	PA	<p>Dog fighting is NOT an unfamiliar crime. A judge has power and should use it to appropriately sentence those who simply sneer at laws protecting animals, particularly those who indulge in dog fighting as a money making endeavor, with absolutely no conscience or awareness that these are living, breathing life forms that feel and suffer as we do. Judges, you have the power to enforce the law and mete out the proper punishments. Too often, these perpetrators show up in court (on advice and guidance of their lawyers) as well dressed and groomed members of society who couldn't possibly be guilty of the barbaric crimes they're accused of. I truly hope our judges can see through these ridiculous ruses, otherwise, we have completely lost the essence of our humanity. Please do all you can to protect things animals by sending a message to their owners that what they are doing is so wrong and cruel. These dogs just want to be loved like any other dog. How would these so called humans that make dogs fight to the death for money feel if someone made them fight to their death for money. There are so many sports in the world to enjoy this does not need to exist.</p> <p>I ne lives of nei these innocent animals have to endure until either rescued, killed, or discarded when no longer useful for fighting or breeding is heartbreaking. Those capable of the cruelty that is animal fighting deserve to serve time for their crime and be an example to others who disregard living creatures as worthy of any compassion or care. I urge you to act on this amendment and update the guidelines for those able to inflict punishment to deter others profiting from these crimes.</p> <p>Where is our humanity as a society if we allow animal fighting to continue</p> <p>PLEASE stop dogfighting!!</p> <p>Human beings must be humane. Thank you for considering an amendment to animal fighting fuidelines in 2015/2016 amendment cycle. If not us, then who?</p> <p>Please, I urge you to act and stop/help prevent this useless activity.</p> <p>Please help enforce stronger sentences for those convicted of dog fighting! Thank you.</p>
Debbie	Zebley	FL	
barbara	brink	CA	
Jean	Bondi	PA	
Vivian	Hays	MD	
Vicki	Mcdermott	GA	
Elaine	Mason	CA	
Kimberly	Allen	CO	
Patrice	Johnson	TX	
Ashley	Bethke	TX	
Sharon	Brown	ME	
Leslie	Calhoun	NC	
Zach	Bratton	NC	

Carol	DeCrescentis	CT	
Pamela	Hildebrand	PA	
Kelly	Irwin	PA	Please update the guidelines. Dogfighting is a heinous crime. Dog fighting is wrong on many levels. Animals are suffering at the expense of sick individuals while the punishment for these crimes remain minimal. No animal should have to suffer at the hand of man and get away with it.
Debi	Berke	NY	
Emily	Kisner	NC	Yes I agree dog fighting is wrong an they should be punished. Dog fighting is wrong an people who do that to dogs should be punished.
Nik	Haynes	NC	
Jesse	Hufstedler	AR	
Chris	Kovadh	AZ	
Kelly	Irwin	PA	
Antoinette	Gonzales	CA	
Qury	Kim	AZ	
ariann	diffenderfer	CA	Thank you for helping to fight animal abuse! It needs to end!
Yahaira	Lopez	FL	
Mary	Crawmer	MN	I believe the minimum sentencing of dog fighting should always be at least 5 years!!! They torture starve,beat and even murder these innocent lives without a blink of the eye cold hearted evil spirits. VIOLENCE IS VIOLENCE, TORTURE IS TORTURE ,AND TAKING A LIFE IS TAKING A LIFE!! Yes these animals are not humans and they are not as complex as us but they can feel pain just the same as us!!!! For me dog fighting is up there with child molestation and rape just so extremely heinous and vicious for no reason!!!! Please not single person who has witnessed this crime would agree that the current sentencing is morally correct or fair it is almost a joke. Please make a change!!!
mikel	manfrdini		
Sandra	Thibodeau	TX	WHY ONLY 5YEARS DO THEM JUST LIKE THEY TREAT MANS BEST FRIEND YOUR PUPY WILL DIE FOR YOU BUT THE SOBS DOWN FOR HURTING THE BEST LOVING FRIEND A PERSON COULD HAVE JIM&HELFA
jim&helga	nelson	MD	
Robert	Miller	MA	
Kellie	Mattingly	WA	Seriously, you need to be asked to do the right thing????!!!
Vicki	Meier	WA	
Kellie	Mattingly	WA	
Pamela	Hildebrand	PA	

fairlee gamble NH

Took him straight to our VET for the Haven does not take good care of the rescued dogs to adopt-saw this first hand. Our vet noted he had worms and an infection. We got him all of his shots, which they said they had done. Brought him home and kept from my 4 yr old adopted girl for 4 weeks. They said they had him neutered-which was in or adoption fee/but he was on top of my little one humping, she became scared of him and had surgery on left leg. Took him to the vet-they had not done a complete job- then he noted scars on him and fear of other male dogs- told us he had signs of being a bait dog-we were angry, but did not give up on our boy-not his fault-heartless people- money hungry and blood thirsty-took us over a year of keeping them separate, giving him a lot of love-showing all people are not mean. Now hi and my little mutt get along most of the time until he chases her down and gets on top of her. Vet i for our loves going to operate and because of being a bait dog- he is on prozac, took awhile for him to get use to the effects. What he went thru has caused him to be jealous of anyone not wholly spending time only on him. My little one wants to love him like the one we had before that passed from chew rawhide w/chicken in it from CHINA-USA only now. They have caused us misery and poor JANGO and little PADME a hard time together. He sees me as Mama/on bed w/me now feeling safew/ his master @ night. They should be prosecuted as when a man beats and abuses women/I have no respect for them/but our boy will be with us all of his life and they get all shots/heartworm pills on 10th for every dog we ever had. I am 68 w/a disability as is my husband/our son lives here to take care of us and my husband has grown to love having him lay w/him-God lead my son to his cage/others were scared of him-I

Eileen H. Clary NC

want to see them pay for hurting God's angels on earth! They It's time to select judges from young and up-to-date individuals of varied occupations who will represent those who care for the planet and all who inhabit it, instead of selecting from out-of-date oldies who belong to a group of people who have (almost without exception) previously represented criminals for monetary gain.

Magda Palmer Cordingley MI
Vicki Meier WA

No animal should be put in this position for the sheer entertainment/profit of humans. Humans that would have any involvement in this in any way are pure evil. The world is better off without them. They're a disgrace.

Brenda Galeles WI
Rachel Jackson NY

			Animal Abusers NEED MORE EXTREME HARSH PUNISHMENT. To many people doing this crap n barely if any punishment happens. Stop the violence
Michele	Waybright	CA	
Tiffani	Long	PA	
Tiffani	Long	PA	
			All my dogs have been rescue dogs with unknown histories, but signs of abuse. I cannot understand the feelings of people who enjoy and promote dog fighting. If they think that pain is good, let them take up mixed martial fighting. But forcing a vulnerable animal to provide your enjoyment by getting hurt, maimed or even killed makes me feel that these people should trade places with the dog. Stiff and sure sentences are needed for people involved in this cruel sport. And sentences should be standard nationwide to discourage just moving the operation.
Rae	Schlesinger	AZ	
Sherry	Perkins	WA	
			Please act during this cycle on this urgent matter of sentencing guidelines in order for Federal Judges to be able to defer to it when sentencing these inhumane and horrific dog fighters.
Nancy	Kerr	MA	Thank You
			You must stop the brutal animal abuse the dogfights are causing. Make the punishments stricter and crack down on the people doing this horrific thing.
R	H	AZ	
			First of all thank you so much for taking the time to accept the publics opinion on this matter, The punishment for dog fighting is extremely shockingly low. These crimes are horrific and easy for them to commit ,when they receive these small fines and short sentencing what is really the message ...they don't learn anything, they pay some chump change serve a couple months and then are out with new dogs to torture and kill in no time. We need to let them know we WILL NOT TOLERATE THE TORTURE OF THESE INNOCENT LIFES HERE IN AMERICA! What do we have to loose by sending them to jail longer???? I am asking for the MINIMUM sentencing to be 5 years. These are dangerous people whom also are always in this case associated with either drugs, gangs, guns or other illegal activity. Please don't fail theses animals, we need much harsher laws to match the horrible crime!
stormi	mcdonald	IN	
Nancy	Kerr	MA	—
DIANNE L.	LARROW	OH	
Christina	Huggins	OH	

			Dog fighting is a sickening thing I do not know how anyone gets any pleasure out of watching it at least men who fight in the ring are able to make that decision on their own dogs do not.
Kelly	Moyer	NE	
Stacy	Schrader	KS	
Michele	Nesbitt	CA	
Kirstie	Loffer	FL	
Dan & Kathy	Copley	IL	Stronger punishment for animal abuse is needed. Be a hero for animals and support this change. Thank you
Jamie	Barilla	AZ	
			I would like to speak loudly on this issue and be the voice for my pitbull "Dakota Sky". He is a self rescued pitt meaning my adult son and I took him from 2 people who were abusing him terribly as a puppy so he could be a fighting pitt. I'm from Harrisburg, PA area and this is an issue where nothing is being done at all. Officers and most public just look the other way. So please pass this and penalties should be even more harsh for animal abuse period. It shouldn't be harder penalties just for dog fighting, harder penalties for all animal abuse & cruelty. Thank you for your time.
Kelly	Twigg	PA	
Kelly	Twigg	PA	
			It is an absolute atrocity what the so-called human beings do to and how they torture these poor dogs. The majority of it is for profit because they bet on these dogfights but they also obviously get some type of twisted pleasure out of watching these poor animals being sacrificed. A slap on the wrist and a monetary fine means nothing to them. This has to be stopped and the only way it's going to stop it that our laws and penalties get stronger and the punishment is severe. Substantial jail time has to be included for this horrific animal abuse.
Judy	Stinger	NJ	
KAYE	HOLDER-NEAL	TN	
DIANNE L.	LARROW	OH	
Natalie	Greer	TN	
Roberta	Burgess	FL	
			Evil doers like that should be heavily punished. We have enough problems as it is in the world without people like that walking around abusing living things. Every countries in this world really need to start taking animal abuses seriously. And please, ban from owning or working with any animals for life!
Nicole	Loh	WI	

Jazmine	Hampton	TX	<p>Please ensure that these "people" receive the maximum sentence for their atrocious crimes against animals. Thank you. We as citizens need to Engage in a society that holds people accountable for cruelty to animals. Animals are a responsibility, they are not disposable. People who mistreat animals should be held accountable, and if they use these animals for cruel intentions they should be severely punish for their crime, involvement and actions.</p>
Susan	Printy	CT	
Erin	Sandes	WA	
Katherine	Von Rodeck	NJ	
Laura	Chester	CT	<p>Animal fighting is a horrible business that is so abusive to all variety of animals including dogs. It has also been proven to involve the selling of drugs, gambling, and teaching children who attend such events to devalue the lives of animals which can also lead them to torture and abuse animals themselves. This has been documented to then involve the abuse, torture and murder of human beings.</p> <p>This is the 21st Century - why are we still behaving like barbarians? Make the punishment fit the crime.</p> <p>—</p> <p>We must set better standards in this country, including appropriate punishment for animal cruelty in the form of animal fighting. There must be consequences for illegal actions. And, we must set the precedence for other countries around humane treatment of all creatures. Punish these people making dogs fight as cruelly as they treat the dogs! Please pass laws as harsh as their cruelty. And do it quickly before more dogs suffer!</p>
Corinne	Dusenbury	NC	
Jason	Nazarino	HI	
Lori	Gombar	NC	
Jason	Nazarino	HI	
Lisa	Thoreson	IL	
Valerie	Cranmer	SC	
Valerie	Cranmer	SC	
pat	carriger	TX	
Beatriz	Pallanes	CA	
Kaja	Gula-Thomas	NY	
Barbara	Caldwell	KY	
Sandra	Magnusson	MD	
Margery	Gray	CA	
Adrian	Shiva	NC	
Lucille	Albertelli	NY	
Jean	Bondi	PA	

Terry	Shimerdla	AZ	Thank you for taking this under consideration. This is very important to me & I am looking forward to your support. Thank you.
Mary	Brown	VA	
			PLEASE strengthen the laws to seriously punish those who deal in dog fighting. I unfortunately, live in the #1 state for dog fighting (SO embarrassing). This is so terribly cruel; IT HAS TO STOP. I honestly don't know any other "sport" that is so cruel. Pets are stolen to use in fighting, small dogs to use as bait to train the fighting dogs, they live under horrific conditions, are starved, beaten and chained. This is just pure EVIL. Those involved have got to be stopped. Our helpless dogs/pets depend on us. We cannot get our government in Raleigh to adopt any new laws to protect any of our animal here in NC. I have tried myself. Please step up to the plate and give us the laws we need to fight this terrible evil crime. Thank you. Animals as we know cannot speak for themselves, therefore they have to depend on our humanity see that they're treated decently. Hasn't it scientifically been proven that people who abuse animals have a much greater proclivity to abuse humans as well. So let's try to nip this in the bud.
Karen	Case	NC	
Cheryl	Evans	WI	
Cheryl	Evans	WI	
SANDRA	YOUNG	VA	In animal cruelty cases the punishment should fit the crime.
SANDRA	YOUNG	VA	Sandy Young
Cheryl	Evans	WI	
			Animal fighting or any other kind of animal abuse is so uncivilized and barbarous. I believe that those who engage in this type of activity will often go on to other unconscionable acts. Maximum prison sentences should be imposed.
Bette	Tevis	TX	
Rob	Lozon	MI	Please, be there for innocent animals! We are their voice!
Rob	Lozon	MI	Please, think of and protect all animals! We are their voice! Please stop this dog fighting once & for all!!! This needs to be stopped immediately!! These animals are not brought into this world for this mean thing that happens to them.
DIANNE L.	LARROW	OH	
Maya	Kurtz	CO	
Rachel	Foster	AL	
Maya	Kurtz	CO	

Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue. Sarah Brown

Sarah	Brown	CA
carla	duave	FL
Vaunie	Gabhart	KY
Dr. Cheryl	Resnick-cortes	NJ

Please help! And take action!

CATHY	FIGUCCIO	NY
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IT IS ALREADY A FELONY TO CAUSE HARM TO AN ANIMAL, THIS AND ANY OTHER THING TO MAKE THIS LAW MORE ENFORCEABLE AND PUNISHMENT TO THE MAXIMUM NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED YESTERDAY-- AND IF IT ENVO;LVES ANY PIT BULL OR POUT MIX JAIL TIME IS REQUIRED PERIOD

In order to curb and one day eliminate animal fighting, we need to send the message that people will suffer consequences for their actions. Just because humans communicate differently and are considered more intelligence creatures does not mean that anyone has the right to abuse another living creature. Animals, like us, feel the same emotions that we do, such as pain, fear, anxiety, and sadness. If we do not apply appropriate punishment to those who carry out animal fighting just like Michael Vick did, they will continue to abuse helpless animals for their enjoyment. Michael Vick continues to earn millions and live a life of luxury as if nothing ever happened, but the animals involved in his illegal dogfighting ring are forever scarred or dead. I really appreciate your consideration on this issue and hope we can make the world a safer place for those that cannot defend themselves.

Rachel	Kreimer	NY
CATHY	FIGUCCIO	NY
Cindy	Cary	CA
Charleyene	Popp	OK

it is a cruel and abusive existence these poor dogs race. Forced to live in deplorable conditions, they are beaten, starved and deprived of even their basic needs to be social pack animals. Sometimes their only contact with other dogs or humans is to fight or be abused, then thrown out like trash if they are injured too badly to fight again. If you have ever loved a dog, or experienced the total unconditional love they have for their humans, you will understand the torture being forced on these poor dogs. It is not that these dogs were bred to fight, or do so instinctively, they have no choice but to fight or die. We are their only voice

debra	depalmo	OH
debra	depalmo	OH
Jennifer	McGinnis	FL
Cheryl	Robin	LA
jane	patton	NJ
jane	patton	NJ

Animal fighting of any kind is a horrible injustice to so many innocent victims. Animals were not put on this earth to be tortured for illegal gain. Those practicing this sick profession should be held accountable. Perhaps sentencing them to stiff fines as well as prison time would make them think twice. Anyone that fight dogs are just worthless people. These are the type of humans I hate yes I did say hate , they should suffer the same things they do to innocent animals period I have no pity for these scumbags.

Merrie	D'Urbano	CO
John	Aguilar	TX
Amber	Morse	PA
Karla	Spain	CA
Sydney	Price	SC

Narcotics and greed spur this horrible practice for the public. Nothing is good about it for any of the animals involved from the bait animals to the dogs forced to fight, then neglected or chained. Their constant suffering is appalling. PLEASE make the prison sentence commensurable to the pain inflicted and the motives generating this cruel "sport." Thanks.

Helen	Harvey	PA
Jolanta	Frackiewicz	CA
Helen	Harvey	PA
Jolanta	Frackiewicz	CA

Sara	Weber	WA	<p>It's time we as a nation stand together strong, and demand that those who are involved in Dog Fighting rings, as well as other horrid animal blood sports receive maximum punishment. This is not a case of good people making a bad mistake. Dog fighting, is sadly a very strategic and planned circus of gore and blood starting with cruelty to puppies using them as bait, starving and beatings to increase anxiety and aggression, and many other atrocities. Cases have even come to light where people were paid to steal trusting pets from their own yards only to be attacked by several gladiator dogs in training. These are not people that should walk amongst our human and furry families! These people are very often very, very, violent to both Humans as well as animals and need help! Please listen to our voices and understand that we are not full of hate, we are only heart broken by the countless tragedy's and want to make a great change. We have the power to strive for a healthy future for all! Thank you for your time, Sincerely, Sara J. Weber</p> <p>These dogs are so sweet and loyal, when people don't abuse them and train them to do unnatural things, such as destroying each other.</p>
Renetta	Hirrel	CA	
Angela	Smith	FL	
Angela	Smith	FL	
Angela	Smith	FL	
Karen	Tufnell	MI	
Trella	Laughlin	AR	<p>This is not about animals fighting; it's about cruel men who force animals to fight. PLEASE use your compassion and put a stop to this! Trella Laughlin Eureka Springs, AR</p> <p>Please don't let these poor animals suffer any longer.</p> <p>Dog fighting is wrong. It needs to carry stiffer penalties to those convicted.</p>
Lori	Humphrey	CA	
Patty	Sakach	MI	
Zoe	Alvarez	CA	
Lisa	Niziokek	CT	<p>The sentence should be more than 5 years. It has to be severe so that people will think twice before committing these types of crimes and the sentence should instill fear not lenience. Thank you.</p> <p>It is just wrong to put off things that need to be fixed, such as animal torture or abuse!</p> <p>It is not a fair way to make your way in life, and it truly saddens me to hear and read about the pain the dogs endure with each and every dog fight.</p>
Nancy	Worsham	CA	
Laura	Zimmerman	OR	
Michelle	Ash	MI	

Emerald Schleicher MD
Caryn Dahl NJ

i think animal abusers and ones in charge of dog fighting should get a very maximum sentence. These people are evil and think nothing of injuring and killing animals. Someone has to stand up for them.....Ginger

Ginger Phillips CA
Linda Milam TX
Doris Rodriguez CA

Anyone that does this act should be punishable by law, no one should get away with this cruelty, thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration.

Angela Smith FL
eric kirby CO
Catherine Daugherty TX

Jessi Frazer OH

It's about time someone takes a stand! Protect our pups! Love not war!

asha benjamin NY
asha benjamin NY
Obaid Khan IL
Ashley Coppin IL
Mrs. Tiphany Nesbit TX
Val Dziwulski SD
Dorothy warder NY
salome pires CA

The fighting of animals is inhumane and extremely cruel. Animals should not suffer for the entertainment or support of negative addictions of cruel persons. Please stop this act which is a crime to animals who can not speak for themselves.

Giovanna Loni NY
Giovanna Loni NY

Enough already..stop these atrocities. Jail everyone including spectators and issue hefty fines

Andrew Connell MD

Thank you for ensuring this deplorable crime is met with an appropriate level of punishment. Forcing these wonderful beings to fight, and making them suffer is heinous. Anyone who participates in this barbaric activity needs to be severely punished.

Bobbie Emmons GA
Lori Spicer OH

margo wyse NM

If one does not have a reverence for life then their life should be ended!!! This world would be a far better place populated by people of compassion rather than cruelty!!!

			This issue is extremely important to me. Please consider speaking on my behalf and being My Voice in Washington. I appreciate your time & support. Kindest Regards, Lisa Bowles (Louisiana Resident & Tax Payer
Lisa	Bowles	LA	
Lisa	Bowles	LA	–
Stephenie	Hester	IL	I raise a pit bull that was used for fighting. She is the sweetest most loving dog ever! Keep up the good work on awareness!
Heather	Dees	AL	
			Animal cruelty in any form is egregious but when an individual or groups keep and force animals to fight one another or be left to die from hideous wounds goes beyond outrage. We have domesticated dogs and we cannot allow these individuals to commit such hideous acts and merely dole out lip service. We, the people who have spent our lives caring for those animals that we have managed to save physically, still have anxiety, fear and trust issues. Like our wounded warriors many suffer from a type of PTSD. You have a duty to help stop these pitifully selfish individuals. We need to make these acts of brutality a real crime against humanity by making the sentence truly fit the crime. These individuals are committing acts of terrorism in our communities everyday. Please ACT today!
Elizabeth	Anderson	SC	
Kayla	Panchmatia	WA	
			Remember that those who enjoy this type of cruelty have more serious issues that can hurt others not as helpless as caged animals forced to fight. Brigitte Winkler
Brigitte	Winkler	FL	I personally think the punishment should be even more severe, but we can start here. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Crystal	Creamer	NC	It is barbaric to allow animals to fight each other for humans' pleasure--help end it, please. Dogs deserve better. Let's enforce the guidelines and work toward prison sentences for those who have dog fights!
Martha	Sellers	TX	
mike	jim	SC	
Jennifer	Ritz	NJ	I feel that cruelty to animals is a societal indicator of violence in general. This has been my observation and experience. Please consider the maximum sentence for these offenses. Sincerely, Jennifer Ritz

PLEASE show compassion and concern for the animals. PLEASE help to stop the abuse and cruelty that these animals suffer in the process. And most of all, PLEASE remember that how one treats animals is a sign of how they treat humans. There is so much animal cruelty and abuse in the world. Please help stop just a little of it. You can help make the world a better place for all of us. PLEASE stand up for the animals. PLEASE show the rest of the world that you not only care about animals, but are doing something about it!

JAKE	HODIE	CO
M Rute	Correia	NJ
Rutocas	Caiano	NJ
Cecilia	Caiano Correia	NJ
M Cecilia	Correia	NJ
margo	wyse	NM
Devin	Murphy	MO

Dogs are the most beautiful gift of this world. This is one of the things that mankind does that is totally horrific. I think there should be SEVERE action taken towards anyone that is cruel to any and all animals. These are beautiful God's creatures that should not be Inhumanely treated. Thank you for your consideration.

Joan	Horne	CO
Michele	Bielski	FL
Mike	Hill	CT

No animal should Ever be Harmed, they are the innocents, and deserve respect and our love every single day. Reprimand the offenders, offer rewards to people who see the wrong doers and do nothing to help and protect all animals, instead they stand by and watch.

Tim	Rickert	MA
kayleigh	drake	NC

if we are a humane society, this blood lust "sport" must end. It won't stop because we ask the criminals 'politely' to stop...In fact it seems to be on the rise with the glamorization that certain infamous football 'heroes' have brought to it. This blood lust, and the lack of care the dogs receive show us all how inhumane we can be. the only way to stop is huge fines, and loss of things like driving. Jail time? only costs the taxpayers...get this scum where it hurts, in their wallet.

Linda	reis	CO
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THESE BASTARDS NEED TO SUFFER THE WAY THESE PRECIOUS BEAUTIFUL INNOCENT DOGS SUFFERED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THEY ARE NOTHING BUT SCUM OF THE EARTH AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERN SHOULD JUST BE WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THIS EARTH THEY DO NOT DESERVE TO BREATHE ONE MORE SECOND FOR ALL THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT ALL THESE PRECIOUS FURBABIES ENDURED AND FOR ALL OF THE PRECIOUS FURBABIES THAT LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF ALL THESE WORTHLESS BASTARDS!!!!!! ANYBODY WHO CAN HARM AN INNOCENT ANIMAL OR CHILD IN MY OPINION DOES NOT DESERVE TO LIVE PERIOD!!!!!!

Dee	Coup	PA
nevaeh	whateley	NJ
Bambi	Muller	AZ
Linda	reis	CO
corinne	baez	FL
corinne	baez	FL
A.	Eastley	SC
Mike	Hill	CT
Alexander	Oren	NJ
M.	Browning	AZ
Tara	L	MA
gigi	bonilla	CT
Danielle	Soristo	IL
Danielle	Soristo	IL
Louann	Yakomin	NY
Nichole	Hofstad-Ward	CA

Thank you.

These innocent animals need you/us! We're all they have to save them from a life of violence, cruelty and horrible abuse. Let it be known that animal fighting will no longer be tolerated! Thank you
As an animal lover I can't bear to see all the animal cruelty that is going on throughout the world. I ask that you please stand up for these poor animals who have no voice. Please up the maximum prison time for this these abusers to 5 years. We MUST stand together in order to stop these horrific acts. Thank you.

Rhana	Pratt	TX	<p>The terror and abuse that these animals suffer at the hands of greedy, ignorant owners is absolutely inexcusable. Not only are the fighting dogs in danger but also the thousands of beloved pets that are stolen each year from loving, caring owners in order to be used as 'bait dogs' to train pitbulls to kill. It is disgusting and sad. These people need to be taught a lesson that this kind of animal abuse and organized crime will not be tolerated. Currently, all they receive is a 'slap on the wrist' which only insures that they will be more careful and evasive in conducting their 'business', going further underground in order to torture and profit. Please put an end to this horrible practice by imposing realistic sentences for authentic crimes!</p>
Nicole	Mohrman	FL	<p>Dogs being forced to fight is disgusting, and any depraved human being that MAKES them fight, as well as keeping them in the deplorable conditions that most dogfighting rings are kept in, should be punished with much more than 5 years. These dogs are loving, innocent victims, that didn't ASK for this life. PLEASE take a stand and show that you care about their lives, their hearts and their fates. Our world would be a much better place if everyone was as loving and as forgiving as animals are. Michael Vick's case obviously hasn't been a good deterrent for others! IMO, human POS, who do what they do to innocent animals, don't deserve to share the same airspace!!! The abuse and cruelty towards animals will never stop, as long as humans exist!!!</p>
Lee	Pesce	NY	
Lee	Pesce	NY	
JUSTIN	SANTANA	IL	
Heather	Kuhn		Stop dog fighting
Laura	Edwards	SC	
Rick	Roberson	TX	These violent offenders should do serious prison time - period.
Lenora	King	MD	Please punish the people that are abusing these poor animals. dog fighting is out of control these people need stronger penalties. please take action. We are there voice
heather .	kuhn		
M.Beth	Chandonnet	MI	It's Imperative that we spend more time on finding these horrific dog fights!! Everyone in attendance should be persecuted to the fullest extent of the law!!! Please help the animals...
sherry	aa	FL	People who abuse animals eventually hurt other people. Please give harsh sentences to animal abusers who use innocent dogs to fight each other.
Lorik	Bernstein	CA	

justina guidot MI
justina guidot MI

If America is ever to regain its status with the rest of the world, it must start by leading the way and saving our world, not by allowing or participating in the continued exploitation and abuse of it. I say this as a friend and neighbour to the U.S., not a citizen (although I was a proud California and Indiana resident in my youth and still have many friends, business associates, and family members throughout the country). I say this in the hope that an outside voice may have more effect than one of your citizens, who, sadly, you may have learned to tune out by now?and in the hope that America can once again become the shining light of democracy and justice to which the rest of the world aspires. To do that, America has to get back on that right path by protecting the least powerful amongst us, by creating legislation that enforces harsher penalties on people who commit acts of animal cruelty, not by ignoring or even tacitly supporting these acts. With all the knowledge and understanding we have that those who commit acts of violence against animals will also commit acts of violence against humans ? even the FBI recognizes this and tracks animal abusers ? the need to protect animals has never been greater (both to rid our society of violence and to re-centre our moral and ethical compass).

Amitav Dash NY

I totally agree that it's the deed not the breed. These innocent baby pitties get such a bad reputation for no fault of theirs at all. Dog fighting needs a lot stiffer punishment than legislature has now. How can a human being see this cruel and gruesome abuse as entertainment and have the clean conscience to sleep well. Sincerely, Kim Harrell (PITBULL LOVER 4LIFE!!! :)

Kim Harrell LA
Vicy Boyd PA
Andrea Knepp TX

Dog and other animals should not be considered property, here for our entertainment and profit. Dogs are beautiful, loving, innocent creatures none of whom would choose to fight. They only want to please their owners, even when their owners are horrible human beings. To demonstrate the belief that animals are worthy of kind and respectful treatment, we must severely punish those who choose to hurt them. We must send the message that hurting dogs and forcing dogs to hurt each other is unacceptable. Besides heavy fines, the most obvious way to do this is to make their punishment severe.

Kathy Dorr CA

Tim	White	SC	The life of a beef-cow isn't a happy one to begin with; don't allow young injured calves to suffer any longer than they have to.
Kathy	Dorr	CA	
Nikki	Catania	NY	Please create laws that will make the owners of animals who are mistreated and encouraged to fight responsible for the abuse instead of allowing the animals to be punished. Please create laws that will make it impossible for these sick people to be given the opportunity to care for these precious creatures. Please make the only answer we think about be to secure their well-being and to care for them as we care for other human beings. We have a responsibility to give animals a good life and to value and respect them. Please help the dogs and cats and their babies and all of the other species of animals to be protected and cared for with respect and allowed to live and to be cared for. I also support that every animal has the right to their own life. It is wrong to allow animals who could live a long and healthy life to be hurt or killed. Please prevent this from happening ever again. Thank you. Jennifer Megan Moore
Jennifer	Moore	MO	
Janet	White	SC	Please stand up for animals now!
Diane	Saffitz	WA	Please help stop this cruelty.
Diane	Saffitz	WA	
Brittany	Bertolo	PA	I personally think that animal fighting of any kind, especially dog fighting is horrific. I think that our government needs to up the punishment for this horrific act. Not just a slap on the wrist and/or probation. These individuals are just below pedofiles.
Rita	Naughton	AZ	Let's make them pay.
			Thank you for addressing this vicious activity ... there should be no tolerance for this in our country or world for that matter. I am begging you to make the punishment extreme in order to stop this horrific activity in our country. God put pets on earth as our companions ... they are loving, loyal and comforting. We need to show them the same respect that they give us. Their only " voice " is us humans we MUST help them.
Deborah	MacCallum	TX	The abuse and mistreatment of animals by humans needs to have the strongest possible sentences and fines. Slaps on the wrists are not deterrents! Most Sincerely, S.Jordan
S.	Jordan	FL	
Lydia	Pilkin	IN	Pit bull lover, highly against dog fighting of any kind!

Nicole	Benedict	FL	Please increase the criminal sentence to put an end to animal fighting. Animals don't have a voice so it is up to us to speak up for them.
Brooke	Vedder		
Martha	Autry	LA	This is the worse thing that I know of, and animals deserve better. They depend on us to take care of them. People that like this are sick!!! (and need to be put away) there's is no benefit to dog fighting. it is a practice that supports other criminal activity and should be considered a form of slavery.
Kendra	Hoffmann	WI	
chris	hosterman	OH	
miranda	king	KY	
darby	drew	GA	
elisa	guerrero	CA	
Jeane	Strand.	UT	There is no way a person, with a heart should be using dogs or any other animal, to be changed up, get very little food, and then have their ugly and mean, disgusting owner let them loose to fight. I am very glad that someone took the stand to help these defenseless animals. Jeanne Strand 1251 W. 975. Clearfield, Utah 84015
Trisha	Hopkins	FL	Dog fighting is very prevalent in my area and I believe stricter laws should be in place to protect these sweet animals!
Trisha	Hopkins	FL	
Raymond	Pochy	AZ	
Kayla	shepherd	AZ	
Evelyn A.	Hofmann	NJ	This must stop. All Animals are God's gift to us. Man has no right to destroy.
Jeremy	Tate	WA	
diane	Wincek	MA	It is imperative to act on the welfare of animals, as it reflects the character of the human species. I hope to see a time when all people stop using animals in abusive ways. It truly reflects on us all.
Lisa	Schreiber	IL	
Lisa	Schreiber	IL	
Evelyn A.	Hofmann	NJ	
Alice	Osgood	VA	
William	Truex	MD	It is the responsibility of all to put an end to the abuse of animals. Dog fighting is a money making act that needs to be stopped. Send the message that this will not be tolerated. The 5 year maximum sentence is not nearly long enough.
Mikayla	Phannenstill	IL	

Krin	Asselta	TX	Animals deserve the utmost of our love and respect. People who harm animals have been known to go on and harm people, such as serial killers. You know the right thing to do is protect animals and punish abusers. You are the voice for animals everywhere. Thank you, Krin M. Asselta People that are so cruel as to prpofit from the hurt and destruction of man's best friends need to be put under the jail and have sunlight pumped to them. There is something particularly despicable about people of this calibre
Tom	Stark	CO	
Ainsley	McDermott	MO	
jonathan	gray	AR	This geoup seems like a great cause
Paula	Barnard	UT	
Blanca	Trenche	MO	Please I beg you to punish this cruel activity, we are here to respect the life of other beings, in this case, these poor dogs.
aron	shevis	NY	
SUE ANN	WELLS	IL	
SUE ANN	WELLS	IL	
Rebecca	Nelson	MI	
sabrina	greenstein	FL	
elisa	guerrero	CA	
aron	shevis	NY	
Liz	Gincley	PA	Animals are living creatures and should be treated humanely and with respect. Abusers should be punished appropriately.
Kristen	Ferrar	OH	
Krisann	Woods	TN	
Allison	Robbins	PA	
Samantha	Virgilio	AR	Dog fighters definitely deserve harsher senetences!
Cassidy	Bonecutter	IN	
Derrick	Washington	MS	
Madison	Bambini	VA	
michelle	stevenson	NC	
Thea	Chase		We NEED for dog fighter to do time! Hit them with the max! People that fight dogs are ALWAYS involved in other illegal activities.
Cassidy	Bonecutter	IN	
Samantha	Virgilio	AR	
Diane	Mills	FL	Could not think of a more important cause to fight for!
Judi	Wilkes	FL	
	BOSTIC	CA	

shan MORRIS NC

The vast majority in US has understands inhumane treatment, such as dog fighting. Please give us one more way to protect our domestic animals and vote against dog fighting.

J. Elizabeth Anders MN

mike Brown OH

Sara Mougharbel CA

Alli Hague RI

Kristin Campbell MN

k kessler MI

GO DOGGIES!

We need to end this horrific crime once and for all!

WE THINK A STIFFER LAW FOR DOG FIGHTING AND BATEING ITS HORRIFIC AND WE WANT IT TO END PLEASE ENFORCE TOUGHER LAWS WE LOVE OUR ANIMALS AND HATE TO SEE THIS GOING ON STOLEN PETS INVOLVED TO

LINDA BOYCE MA

I,ve reported the Obama Democrat behind me for noise, harassment, and training fighting dogs, of course he claims not to speak English. I've called numerous times over the past 16 years, the Polk County Authorities have chosen to ignore the illegals activities and warned me to not protest too loudly or I would be arrested. I'm sorry I can't donate to help the animals, but I feel the Polk County Authorities would ignore any complaint, or even take punitive action against me should I report inaction by their worthless Animal Control unit.

Paul Skinner FL

LINDA BOYCE MA

Deborah Larson FL

This is long overdue. Thank you so much for considering this amendment. It is a huge problem, which not only impacts the animals, but those of us who have breeds that are preferred by dog fighters. No one should be punished but those who commit these horrible crimes. Please help.

Shannon Adams FL

No animal deserves to be abused. They all want love and a happy home!

Katherine Martinez CA

Dog fighting is ABSOLUTLEY heart breaking to me and we need to come together to stop this

Megan Recker IL

Patricia Felice NJ

Bo Morgan TX

Alannah Urata CA

I love your cause and would love to support it by using your stickers

cole mefford FL

Linda Fante NJ

Marilynne Del Rio ID

			I have owned pit bulls for over 30 years all living to be 10-13 years old due to the love and care our family gives the very misunderstood breed. No one should have the right to abuse anyone or any animal. The punishment should fit the crime!! Dog fighting is so violent, it should fit in with manslaughter. In some cases these criminals should get the death penalty. Punishment fits the crime. I believe the sentencing time should be raised. They should suffer like the suffering they caused.
suzette	bechtol	AZ	
Mahanna	Mercer	GA	

Please, you must get much tougher on dog fighting. The punishment needs to be so much tougher. The change in 08 was good but not good enough. This criminal never should have been able to resume his life style from before. I have a personal experience I would like to share with you. My dad and I rescued a bull dog off the street. According to the 5 vets that treated her they all agreed that she had been used as a fighting dog, but with her precious disposition they agreed she was used as bait. She was preg. had heart worms, terrible kidney infection and very scarred. She was about one year old. We had all of her medical problems taken care of and she was the sweetest most loving baby you could ever find. At that time I had 9 dogs, most were rescues. She got along with all of them and just would cuddle my very small dogs. At age 3 she was diagnosed with cancer. My dad and I had her treated of course. She passed away at age 4 1/2. The vets agreed it was due to the abuse . Please consider these things. My dad a I loved this dog dearly but due the abuse and neglect she did not have much time with us.

Patricia	Maurice	FL
Mahanna	Mercer	GA
Angela	Hinerman	WV
Kayla	shepherd	AZ
Raymond	Pochy	AZ
Susan	McAnally	PA
Derrick	Washington	MS
Bianca	Mendoza	NV

I love all animals, I've adopted 2 dogs and 3 cats

Dog fighting is so nasty we need to stop!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
To the U.S. Sentencing Commission, thanks for getting tough on dog fighting.

Humans are not the only sentient species. However, human beings have created a situation where their actions have a huge impact on the physical and emotional well being of all other species. Every choice makes a difference and is an act that continues, increases, or decreases animal suffering and destruction. You are in a position to change the circumstances of these abused animals by sending a message to those who perpetrate and profit from the cruelty and abuse by making them accountable for their crime. This is a crime and should be judged accordingly. A maximum prison sentence of five years seems a small price to pay for the suffering inflicted.

Bernadette	Duquette	IL
Alan	Serlin	IL
Patricia	Gashlin	NJ
Melissa	Banks	FL
Connie	Devine	CA
Alli	Hague	RI
Tammy	Ebers	NY
bicca	Lachance	AZ
Patricia	Anderton	ID

I think the punishment should be more severe.

Animal cruelty is animal cruelty. It is UNACCEPTABLE in a civilized nation!!!

I AM A PET OWNER OF SHELTER CATS AND A LOVING PIT BULL NAMED ROCCO TOO MANY TIMES ARE ANIMALS ARE BEING HURT AND KILLED IN THE UTMOST VICIOUS AND IN-HUMANE WAYS! ANIMAL FIGHTING IS SAVAGE, THIS IS COMPARABLE TO THE DOG TRADES OVERSEAS IN WHICH IS DESPICABLE AND HORRIFIC! NO HELPESS ANIMAL SHOULD BE TORTURE, MAMMED OR KILLED FOR HUMANE PLEASURE OR MONETARY GAIN AND FOR THOSE WHO ENTERTAIN THIS IDEA SHOULD BE PROSECTUED TO THE FULL EXTEND OF THE LAW! THESE ARE DEFENSELESS LOVING, TRUSTING ANIMALS WHO DESERVE TO BE TREATED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY TREAT THEIR OWNERS AFTERALL THEY ARE FAMILY

CINDY	GOMEZ	NY
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			Dogfighting/cockfighting are the scourge of society. These awful people who participate are often involved in illegal drug use and, in my opinion, worst of all, terrible animal cruelty. Not only do the fighting dogs themselves suffer terribly, so do other household pets, such as kittens, rabbits, small dogs, puppies, etc who are thrown into the ring as bait. Who wants to share oxygen with so called human beings who are capable of doing such atrocities? This needs to STOP. As the guardian of a pit bull, I can say that they are gentle, playful, loyal, sweet friends who do not deserve the life of hell given to them by these terrible humans.
Kathi	McGee	CO	
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			Thank you for helping to lessen the frequency of dog fighting by getting tough!!
Lauren	Prekop	FL	
Cindy	Kiemen	MN	
Kim	Prough	TX	Any kind of cruelty should carry very stiff sentences
Amber	Keen	IN	
Amanda	Flarity	MO	
megan	ainsley	AZ	
cindy	merida	CA	
Julie	Pinkley	TX	Animal fighting is a relic of our brutal and ignorant past and should be given the harshest penalty. Thank you.
Nicole	Reed	ID	
			It is imperative that stronger laws and tougher sentences for animal fighting be put in place this is very serious crimes The people who are involved in training and fighting dogs and other animals DON'T CARE ABOUT THE ANIMALS JUST THE MONEY AND TORTURE
Heather	Davis	OR	
Julie	Pinkley	TX	–
Desiree	Sanchez	NM	
Mahanna	Mercer	GA	
			Animal fights of any kind should be highly punishable, since this is one of the cruelest forms of "entertainment" available. Often, individuals who support this are rarely punished to the full extent of the law. I urge you to ensure this does not remain the norm. Thank you.
Cathi	Culver	NC	

			Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.
Jamie	Polczynski	IL	I have pits and many other dogs they are all amazing and gentle. I can't believe that people would want to fight such amazing creatures
Lauren	Gamache	IN	They should get life
Phillip	Egan	FL	
Tom	Stark	CO	
Barbara	Grotkiewicz	WI	These are innocent animals at the hands of greedy jerks!
Amanda	Morales	TX	
Kian	Daniel	WI	
Patricia	Felice	NJ	
Robert	Felice	NJ	
Amanda	Morales	TX	
JOHN	IRELAND	FL	
			These dogs are beautiful, not even an ounce of cruel in them.. so why are they treated so horribly... they do not deserve it
Jayci	Gomes	HI	
davin	andrade	TX	
PATRICIA	ZIELINSKI	NY	
Megumi	Imaizumi	NY	
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Allison	Abbs	VA	I work for a dog rescue in NC and we see many dogs come in from dog fighting, weve joined the fight to help end it.
Shyla	Contreras	NC	

			<p>I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR THIS BUT AS A PET OWNER YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE LAW IT'S NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR THESE PEOPLE, IT NEEDS TO BE HARDER AND LONGER AND STRONGER ON THEM. THEY SHOULD GET LONGER JAIL TIME AND THEY SHOULD HAVE TO WEAR A HEAVY CHAIN AROUND THERE NECK JUST LIKE THE ONES THEY PUT ON THESE DOGS! JUST REMEMBER WE ARE THE PEOPLE AND WE WANT YOU DO YOUR JOB SENTENCE THEM MORE THEN 5 YEARS! IN MY MIND FOR LIFE WOULD BE JUST RIGHT.</p> <p>Animals should be protected as much as people. These dogs are loosing their rights because people are mistreating them, abusing them, forcing them to become violent. We need to protect those who have no voice!</p>
VIRGINIA	LEGGETT	WA	
Robin	Jenkins	NM	
Ashley	Kuntz	KS	Absolutely horrible.
Linda	Swanson	OR	
Roxana	Garcia	FL	
jonathan	graham	NY	
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			<p>Research has shown that dog fighting leads to other incidents of crime and abuse to people. It is imperative that create harsh penalties for dog fighting not only to protect the animals involved but the people who come in contact with criminals who engage in this activity.</p>
Jessica	Hinton	IN	
			<p>People who tortue these animals by making them fight should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Hopefully doin this will stop people from fighting animals in the future!</p>
Brandy	Frederick	LA	
Sandra	McKinney	TN	
Jango	Bento	CA	
Kaitlyn	Bilodeau	MI	
			<p>Animal fighting is a horrific and barbaric. Please amend the animal fighting sentencing guidelines to reflect the brutality of this crime.</p>
Patti	Garofola	NJ	
			<p>Please commissioners make this a priority. Animal fighting is brutal, barbaric and senseless with many poor defenseless animals suffering. Please re-affirm the guidelines and make sure that all those convicted of these crimes get at least five years in jail. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Katherine Abeln</p>
Katherine	Abeln	FL	
Patti	Garofola	NJ	
Kelli	Curtis	OH	
			<p>I want to see dog fighters put away in real sentences and high fines to keep them off our streets and away from our fur babies!</p>
Cassandra	Burke	WV	

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Jamie	McNail	MO	
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crystal	hine	MS	
Geoffrey	Hecht	NY	
Diane	Hoffer	OH	
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christina	Mcdonald	OK	
Denise	Rupar	MI	They cannot talk, so we need to stand strong and be their voices.
Jamie	McNail	MO	
christina	Mcdonald	OK	
Ashli	Seukunian	IL	For all of those who cannot speak for themselves, thank you! Please help us help all of the wonderful canines that we as a species have failed.
Leah	Vandale		
Charlene	Cooper	NY	MAXIMUM sentencing for animal abusers!! No exception!!
Tracye	Martin	LA	Its despicable the owners should be locked up for many many years Dog fighting is sick. I hope one day the dog fighting will stop.
Rosemarie	Hays	FL	
Taylor	Williams	TN	Coming from a mommy of 2 adorable pits.
Rebecca	Swanson	CO	
Michelle	Tenney	OH	This campaign is awesome
Kimberly	Stokes	AR	It is a true crime that anyone would fight animals :(
Esther	Payne	WA	These dogs do not fight because they want to, but because their owners force them to. The dogs then have to live the rest of their lives branded as bad dogs and shunned by most people. Therefore, I think the sentence of 5 years is much too light.
Miriam	Zeevi	PA	
Lindsey	Bowden	AL	
Christina	Madera	MD	
aron	shevis	NY	I feel very strongly about this matter. Thank you.
Lisa	Gardner	NC	I believe that making the guideline for sentencing 5 years will result in less animal fighting and fewer crimes against animals who have no voice.
aron	shevis	NY	
rinda	faulkner	IA	the penilties of this should be way way worse....way worse..

Justin	Ludwig	FL	I love my furry friends more than myself. Its good to see the SPCA working so hard to work against this cruelty. Thank you.
Gabe	Wesley	FL	
Brittany	Lawyer	MD	
christina	caldwell	KY	I'd do anything for an animal humans not so much any more.
Melissa	Baker	NC	
Dylan	Lefever	MS	Dog Fighting Is So Wrong! Please, please! You have the power to help greatly deter this heinous crime done by sub-human losers. Increase the MINIMUM sentence to 5 or more years of jail time for these selfish, thoughtless and evil scourges of society. Judges also ought to have more freedom to put upon these very uncompassionate criminals the practice of public humiliation/shame punishment, along with FELONY charges. Thank you
Mary Claire	Krager	DE	We don't consider our dogs just animals! They are family. Every animal should be treated with kindness and if one is mistreated they should be dealt with harshly.
Roxann	Benthagen	WA	
nathan	ross	MT	love it How a person treats animals is a direct reflection of who they are as a person and member of society. What they do to an animal, they could just as easily do, or already do or have to humans.
Heather	McDonald	AZ	
Kristen	Ingram	MS	
Renee	Hennessey	TX	
shanda	johnson	AR	Please send me my tee tickets thank you so very much
Sharon	Dashnau	NY	I am very against dogfighting.
kasey	shifflett	VA	I do NOT tolerate people who put there animals in fights! I think this website is amazing, it totally reaches out to peoples hearts. It touched mine deeply. Thanks for all you guys do! PLEASE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GIVE ANYONE ABUSING DOGS THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE!
Sandra	Zastrow	MO	
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L	Smith	CA	
Mollie Shea	Feeley	CT	
L	Smith	CA	
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loren	ishtiaq	IL	They need to STOP the dog fighting!!!!
F	Chaimowitz	FL	Please help those that cannot speak for themselves.

Shira Corcoran WA
Robert Fry NM

I think they deserve to the maximum time in prison and made to pay a huge fine, and never to be able to have animals again, I find it cruel and evil for humans that fight their pets to make money, because they are too lazy to work and make their own living, so they use their animals to support them that in slave to fight to live, and this is heart breaking and sad that animal has to endure such treatment from the person that is to love and take care of them, just imagine the way this animal is treated, it knows no love just to fight to survive to live another day, shamefull

Teresa smith NC
Andtea Knepp TX
Chris Herman NY

I believe that this sentence is appropriate and would serve as an effective deterrence. Also, since money and status are not the true motives for this behavior, I think that the time served could be an opportunity to instill skills for learning to deal with fear and anger more appropriately. If the sentences were appropriate for the crime I, would be willing to donate to a program of this nature. Thank you.

Laura McDonald MN
Laura Wurzel NY
Jeremy McElroy TN
Vera Rapozo CA
jason jennings AL

Let's stop the animal cruelty! I'm committed to saving lives!

Jessica Maranchello TX
Beau Furlow NC

GET TOUGH!!!!

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Kristin Green MI
Annia Zhao PA
Rafael Lara CA
Margaret Mudek MN
Fran Mattia PA
Christine Holmes MI
stephanie westney VT
Heidi Wygal TN
Jennifer Maranchello FL

Slade Osborne GA
Bianca Martinez NV

These poor animals just want love and attention, not to be trained to kill. Stop dog fighting now!

Mackenzie	Ceraso	NC	
Carrie	dawidowicz	MI	
Talia	Adamson	IL	AWESOME!!!! I firmly believe that anybody who willingly abuse an animal is not only hurting the animal itself, but humanity as a whole. That's why it's important to teach these criminals that it's not okay under any circumstance. Thank you Dogs were made to love and care for. Not to fight and hurt. People who fight dogs, or any other animals should be getting sentences they deserve.
George	Monsivais	TX	
Cassandra	Uy	NY	
Melissa	Merrill	ME	keep up the amazing work
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Dawn	Ladislav	IL	I recently adopted a bait dog and she is kind. In addition, these abusers should be banned for life from receiving welfare.
Janee	Clark	OK	
Lane	Ryan	KY	I so much agree with the get tough campaign! dog fighting needs to stop
Douglas	Sawyer	SC	I think that sentences should be longer.
Douglas	Sawyer	SC	Animals are wonderful creatures that should not be abused. Many times, abusers of humans start on animals. Please get tough on people who cruelly subject beautiful creatures to this abuse for their own gain. It's disgusting.
Alexandra	Vicknair	CA	
Robert	McCabe	NJ	
DeAnna	Lacy	VA	Animal cruelty and dog fighting is sad and very wrong!! Anyone who would dear treat and animal like trash should be treated like trash. They deserve the worst possible punishment. Those poor dogs are helpless without us and we shouldn't stand for it!
Haley	Wells	IL	This is an issue that cannot be ignored or overlooked. This is something that we as a nation have to take care of. These animals need our help, protection, and support against this abusive human behavior.
Ashley	Scott	GA	
J	Guziejewski	NJ	
Tatjana	Morgan	AZ	Dog fighting is something that has been around for years, but not enough has been done to stop it. It is not the dog's fault, but the owner's. Those who fight dogs are let off with a slap on the wrist, but they shouldn't. Dogs are living creatures, they deserve much better.
Isabelle	Jorge	CA	
Eugenie	Wagner	MI	
Carin	Nielson	ND	So cruel it breaks my heart.

Amanda	Blake	CA	I work at the local vet office and I love pets more than people.
Amanda	Blake	CA	<3
hassan	fettaka	UT	
Jacky	Perez	FL	
jessica	perez	IL	
Heather	Hallmann	IA	It's cruel!!
Rhonda	Conlew	CO	
Vincent	Baker	FL	It's an awesome program against dog fighting I love my pup a lot and wouldn't ever think of that happening to her. i believe that this is a great cause. Dogs are amazing and loving animals that deserve to be treated with love and respect. people who mistreat dogs like this deserve a very big punishment. i support this cause 110%!!!
Jose	Gamboia	TX	
kathleen	glisson	TN	I am all for it. I am outrage about the dog fighting. I am against it. The dogs were not put on this earth for dog fighting.
aron	shevis	NY	
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CHRIS	FAZIO	NJ	
brittnie	adams	LA	
Carly	Ebbing	OH	
Nicki	PAPPAS	NJ	
Jason	Stewart	OH	
Sarah	Knox	MO	NA
Ashley	Brooks	MD	
Ryan	Veilleux	VT	Dog fighting is absolutely unacceptable in society, especially in 2015, criminals who abuse these animals need to be made an example of by the heavy hand of the law.
CHRISTINA	DUNCAN	FL	
jason	price	WI	
paula	nichols	MO	
Devina	Gonzalez	CA	
Natalie	Morales	TX	I can't wait to end this. GET TOUGH!
Brian	Lombera	AZ	I love anim7
amy	buchanan	VA	
Robyn	Muldoon	PA	
Kathleen	Blanchard	NV	
Patti	Hawkins	AL	

Gabrielle	Cantamessa	NY	Dog fighting is just wrong. In fact any cruelty to any animal is. We all need to come together and raise awareness about dog fighting.
estelle	rosales	CA	
Wanda	Bingham-Waite	KS	
Connie	Buck	OH	It makes me physically sick to my stomach knowing that people out there think it's right to use dogs for fighting. I rescues dogs so that this doesn't happen, I wish I could help all of them.
Jonathon	Cooper	CO	
Joy	Walter	GA	This needs to stop. People need to be nicer to their pets Thank you for helping to fight this awful "sport" I wouldn't really call it a sport though just a nasty act of cruelty.
Edith	Drobny	CA	
Sue	Hale	PA	
Rick	Wheeler	CO	
Beth	Dotson	WA	I believe strong sentences are a deterrent and that they are necessary to end animal abuse. I am totally against dog fighting. I am a proud owner of a pitbull that I adopted from our local ASPCA and he is a big love bug. I think the whole dog fighting is cruel and inhumane and needs to stop.
angel	hager	OH	
gabriela	gonzalez	CO	
vickie	Carter	MS	It makes me sick to see people abuse animals...they are sick people to do that... We need to make sure these people are locked up for as long as rehabilitation requires.
Andrew	Morin	MA	
Amanda	Mendes	CA	
corina	guri	IN	
Anita	Bhatt	RI	
Jamie	Walker	TX	These people that participate in this are a danger to everyone. Anyone that can do this to an animal is,obviously, lacking any type of emotion needed to be a caring, productive citizen. Look at the statistics on killers and animal cruelty. PLEASE do some thing other than slapping these sick people on the wrist!
Lara	Sullivan	NY	
Jamie	Walker	TX	We need to start sending a message that this will not be tolerated, instead of a slap on the wrist that allows them to simply resume this sadistic behavior. It's time to grow a pair and put a stop to this, in what is supposed to be a civilized country! #GetTough !
Stephanie	Ross	CA	

Brooke	Hayes	MI	
Wanda	Bingham-Waite	KS	Dog fighting is animal cruelty.
breanna	starnes	TX	dog fighting is wrong!
Taylor	Relitz	OH	Animal fighting is pointless and cruel,
Shauna	Gosselin	MA	
			What is wrong with people they need to do at least 10 years
linda	geer	AZ	prison for this crime
Edye	Green	IL	
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Nakia	DePina	MA	
Katie	Wilson	FL	
			I have a beautiful pit bull I can't understand y people wanna
Amanda	Revis	NC	fight them breaks my heart
Katie	Wilson	FL	
Brittany dee	Johnson	MN	
Ashley	Allen	MS	
Anica	Brown	CA	I support this act.
			Dog fighting is a serious problem and I hope that all pups are
			saved and placed in good homes and that all dog fighters are
			rightfully prosecuted.
Madison	LaFont	TX	
Brianna	Murley	KY	
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Leah	Moss	TX	
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			Thank you for considering the animal fighting guidelines but
			more should be done for animals.Thanks something is better
			than nothing.
ana	popoca	NY	
billy	gilbert	WV	
Rosie	Ortiz	TX	
Kazimierz	Krzycki	IN	
			This is such an important issue! Animal fighting is attempted
Nakia	DePina	MA	animal murder.
			I'm an animal lover myself, which is why it kills me to see and
			hear about people still practicing dog fighting! I pray that we all
			can come together and put an end to this and all animal
			cruelty!
Ashley	Fowler	NC	
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atticus	phillips	TN	

Lacy	Heath	MS	I own a dog that used to be fought. He was in a shelter and on the day they were going to put him down, I adopted him. He's been the sweetest and loving dog. His voice deserves to be heard. This will help put an end to this cruelty those people call a "sport"!
Michele	Klinkert		Thank you for sticking up for the underdogs
Angela	Martinez	CA	
Ellen D	Curcio	NY	
Rosie	Ortiz	TX	
Nicholas	Mabe	NC	I believe we should punish them to the fullest it's inhumane to treat the animals with cruelty
Stacy	Goodenough	RI	I own the sweetest most lovable,loyal pitbull.what these dog fighters do these dogs is a disgrace we love pits and hate that people still choose to fight them it gives the breed a bad rep They cannot defend themselves from the people who keep them. They need us to do it for them.
Jason	Allen	MS	
April	Heatwole	VA	
Ronnie	mannella	NY	#GetTough
Amanda	Revis	NC	
Carrie	Kistner	CT	
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jessica	catron	IN	
Danielle	Taylor	SC	
Shannen	Ribron	GA	I hate dogfighting!
Dave	Fontneau	MA	
Renee	Owley	WA	#GetTough
Renee	Owley	WA	
Dayna	Cortijo	AR	
melody	kammerer	FL	Anyone involved in such an ugly crime should be punished to the full extent of the law.
Heaven	Avery	MD	
Rosie	Ortiz	TX	
KayLynn	Collins	TX	Dogs are loving creatures. They don't deserve to fight. These poor animals need to be saved.
Polly	Dotson	OK	
virgil	swisher	VA	
Jonathan	Garza	TX	Please help the animals that cannot speak for themselves. There is nothing worse in the animal world than being abusive.
Starla	Sweet	IN	I want to let people know I am strongly against it
Lee-Ann	Kasey	WV	
Diogo	Barros	AK	

chris	palmer	NJ	
Laura	Ezell	OK	This is very important for our young people to know early so they understand what is going on.
marilyn	jusino	FL	
mj	Stolz	TX	
Luz	trujillo	FL	
Luz	trujillo	FL	
Starla	Sweet	IN	
Lizzy	Schmitzer	CA	Yay
Kimberly	Myhre	CO	
			Dog fights should not have become as popular as it has and should definitely not be something still haunting dog owners at this day and age. We have to put a stop to such cruelty - we are their parents after all and should not stay quiet when it comes to dog fighting
Tammy	Husnetdinova	CO	
Olivia	Paszowska	PA	
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Angela	Ninni	PA	Please take care of this issue it is of the utmost importance. I hate that anybody would do this to dogs. I also think that a minimum sentence should be set. Too many abusers get away with this horrible cruelty to such trusting animals who only want to be loved. It's about time someone speak out against dog fighting, I'm totally against it so, I'm count me in!!!
Nancy	Arnold	NJ	
Tana	Rowcliff	TN	
Sherri	Martin	WY	
Jean	Grant	CA	This has become a bad problem in the U.S.
Anita	Rubenschuh	OH	
			THIS SPORT IS AGAINST AMERICAN ETHICS AND WE MUST STOP THE SLAUGHTER! PEOPLE GET A KICK OUT OF ANY SPORT THAT ALLOWS THEM TO BET AND MAKE MONEY! THIS IS A CRUEL AND HORRIBLE PRACTICE AND SHOULD BE STOPPED NOW!
Isabel	Vanover	NM	
RJ	Wiatrowski	NY	Great Job.
angel	martinez	CA	I was wondering if I can get a few stickers
aron	shevis	NY	
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henri	derek	KS	Please get tough on those disgusting people who abuse dogs for fun. Thanks. I am so grateful for ASPCA bringing awareness to the public and helping the dogs that need it. Thank you
mj	Stolz	TX	
mj	Stolz	TX	

marquita	martin	AL	Dogs are family members to it's hurts like human death please stop animal cruelty!!
Oscar	Montserrat		
Jojo	Ennis	NC	
cheyenne	smith	MD	
Ellen D	Curcio	NY	I love all animals and didn't even know they had dog fights. I saw it on TV once and thought it was horrible. No animals should be doing anything like that. I don't even like testing on animals in labs.
Katie	Noble	AZ	
melissa	stacey	GA	
chuchi	lucci	GA	
Crystal	Durr	KY	I find that this kind of animal abuse is heart breaking, As is any other abuse as well, and personally think that the lowest amount of years spent in prison for animal abuse, in general, should be at least 3-5 years.
sierra	blackwell	IN	
virgil	deaton	KY	
Samantha	Chacon	CA	Don't force aggression!
patricia	elerick	OH	
aron	shevis	NY	
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deborah	gamez	CA	
Scott	Taylor	MD	I am strongly against animal fighting. This crime needs to be wiped off the face of the earth, and these people who are associated with the crime--they need to be locked up.
Gabi	Zawadzka	NY	
Karina	Quinones	FL	
amber	pawlowicz	FL	
Pamela	Loos	CA	dogs do not deserve this plus my puppy looks exactly like the dog on the sticker i appreciate what you guys are doing to help stop this abuse
melissa	jones	SC	
Carter	Richardson	GA	
Megan	Bean	AZ	
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			I HATE DOG FIGHTING, TO BAD WE CAN'T PUT THOSE HEAVY CHAINS AROUND THE PEOPLE NECKS THAT FIGHT DOG OR ANY ANIMAL. I CAN'T STAND ANYONE WHO MISS TREATS ANY ANIMAL. GOD PUT ANIMALS ON EARTH TO BE ARE FRIENDS NOT TO BE MEAN AND HATEFUL TO THEM. I LOVE ANIMALS SOMETIME BETTER THAN PEOPLE. THANK YOU

Katie	Nadler	KY	
Brandon	Mills	IN	Hope we can get tough on dog fighting!
patricia	brooks	CA	
April	Barkas	CA	My dog was abused. When he was round he was starved to the point that you could count his bones just by looking at him. He has bite marks all over his body. He was found on the side of a hi way inching along, barely able to stand. I still cry when I think of it. He is healthy now only because I got out of the car to carry him to the backseat. It was touch and go for awhile. How would you feel to find a dog like him on the road, thrown away like trash? Would you save him or just pass on by? Save others like him PLEASE.
Ann	Altermann	KS	
Amy	Morrison	OH	I hate dog fighting. We crack down on dog stealing in Ohio.
Amy	Morrison	OH	
Heather	Smith	GA	Wow.
Mercedes M	Tweedy	AZ	I am very interested and would appreciate any/all information you can give me on this subject. I owned a beautiful sweet and loving pit bull and because people train them to fight and be mean I couldn't take him when I moved due to breed restrictions. This broke my heart and my children's hearts. Please give these horrible people harder sentences.
heather	ridgeway	FL	
hilda	vasques	CA	
pamela	price	GA	
Cody	Knapp	MI	
Misty	Campbell	NM	
aron	shevis	NY	
aron	shevis	NY	
ashley	sullivan	CA	
kate	watts	WA	fight angist dog fighting love dogs
Pietro	Maruca	MI	
Pietro	Maruca	MI	
Jeffrey	Evans	MI	
tinsley	sims	TX	This is deffinatly something that I want to be on bored with. please feel free to email me more information on how I could get more involved in this.
Demri	Lewis	WA	
Val_rie	B_lair	VT	
lynn	talmadge	CA	

Tiffany	Whyble	NY	this issue is very important
Apple	Carrington	OH	
celia	castro	IL	
Joanne	Hall	NY	Dog fighting is barbaric and needs to stop on ALL levels!
andrew	trammell	LA	
Sofia	Real	FL	Usududjdfjcx
Chris	Ktulu	TX	
jada	mayes	SC	
jamie	bouvier	AK	Love my big pupp. Problem missing dogs for fighting purposes in my city. Sad :(
Gracie	Carroll	SC	
Stefanie	Phillips	WV	Animals are gods Angels! I do not understand how people can hurt a poor animal in any way. They don't deserve it. #GetTough .
Mikelline	Escobedo	TX	
kim	barfield	GA	
Morgan	Idland	IN	
Jewel	Bickel	VA	
Chris	Ktulu	TX	
Victoria	Tharpe	FL	
Demri	Lewis	WA	When I had a cable when I was younger just a couple years ago, alls I would watch was animal planet. One of my favorite shows was the ASPCA, where they would save animals. I wouldn't mind sporting this sticker around. Pets should be treated like any other member of the family. There should be consequences for when they are not.....#GetTough
Stacey	Faunce	KS	
Matt	Girard	CA	Spread The Word !
lidia	orellana	NJ	
Cass	Heisler	OR	
Susanne	West	WI	THIS HAS TO STOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Having seen some of the Michael Vick dogs and learning what was done to these dogs when they were not fighting or had lost a fight, has convinced me more than ever the practice of all animal fighting, cruelty, etc most become seriously punishable by law. Thank you for your consideration to this serious problem.
Ranelle	Simala	NV	
alessandra	irons	OH	Please stop this cruelty.
alessandra	irons	OH	

Dear Commissioners, I write to thank you for considering an amendment to the animal fighting guidelines in your 2015/2016 amendment cycle. I urge you to act this cycle to update the guidelines to better reflect the maximum prison sentence of 5 years prescribed by Congress in 2008. Federal judges defer to the sentencing guidelines when faced with unfamiliar crimes like dog fighting so your action is critical to ensure that these crimes are sentenced appropriately and deterred as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.

Jeanette	Morley	NY
Eric	pratt	CT
Marina	Tachlinski	DE
Rene'	Staudy	AL

I can't believe this is still happening anywhere. This needs to end now.

Emily	Remache	NY
Theodore	lopez	TX

This is a very personal issue for me as I work in the Bully Rescue business. I think there should have been stronger punishments long ago, but it is nice to see them starting to exist.

Gabryelle	Elder	TX
maria	veiga	WY

It is past time for more serious measures be taken to prevent and sentence those who would abuse and neglect defenseless animals.

Charlotte	Nelson	SC
Lynette	Ridder	CA
cynthia	colman	SC

I just adopted a puppy yesterday and he is afraid of everything. It will take some time but he will hopefully recover. Animal abuse needs to stop.

Brianna	Martel	PA
BEGZADA	MUJANOVIC	TX

Let's come together & #GetTough on dog fighting!

I have two dogs of my own. Both of them are rescues and were abused as puppies. The emotional and physical toll it took on them really breaks my heart and I never want any other puppy to have to go through that. I want some #GetTough gear to show off my love and support for this cause!

Martha	Wilber	GA
Sofia	Shine	IN
Tami	Hardy	IL
rita	eskew	FL
Karla	Armolt	PA
navie	chhuon	CA
Kirsten	Hamilton	MA

The public should be more aware of this

Ann	Fillers	GA	Animal fighting is so wrong.pepole should get 5 yrs plus
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Christina	Upright	MI	
			Animals have no voice so we have to speak for them. The penalties for animal cruelty are a joke. Something has to change!!
Joanne	Curgian	TX	
amber	frazier	TX	exactly
Jaylyn	Jann	MI	
Stacey	Schvyvynck	CA	
Olivia	Reaume	TX	I want to help
Audrey	Durden	FL	
			I agree that punishments should be made stronger for those who use animals to fight, but also for those who neglect and abuse animals as well.
Natalie	Gregg	IN	
			I am a 7th grade life science teacher. I have many students who believe owning a tough dog that fights is cool. I'm a huge advocate for pit bulls and other so-called dangerous breeds. I really want to make some sort of difference with these kids. In my classroom, I frequently talk about my five rescued dogs.
Janet	Robinson	FL	
kenidi	marini	AL	
Marina	Tachlinski	DE	
Abigail	Schoeneman	NY	#GetTough
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Abby	Schwallls	GA	
kevin	o'mara	FL	
Jennifer	Oakes	OR	
Jerry	Mcginnis	TX	
Marina	Vershinina	CA	
Jessica	Sanders	CA	
Heidi	Endres	WI	
Kailey	Zoe	GA	
Thomas	Limerick	ME	I care about my dogs and for people to do this is wrong.
omneya	metwally	NC	
Cheyenne	Lecker-Moody	IN	terrible
Grecia	Stylinson	TX	
crystal	logan	NC	I disapprove of animal abuse. I do approve of the #GetTough

			Dog fighting is a cruel, brutal, and disgusting act. People who participate, watch, or set-up dog fights should be punished to the maximum possible. In fact the maximum is not enough.
mary	JOHNSON	NC	
martin	nellis	PA	
Jennifer	Perez	WA	I am an animal lover down to my bones and it hurts every inch of my body to see cruel things like these done to animals. I am planning on joining the aspca in the future. Much love to your project!
sarah	weir	NY	awesome ASPCA is an amazing organization everything you guys are going it awesome. you really are speaking for the animals and helping save them every day
Jayslyn	mares	CO	
amanda	applegate	KY	
andy	scholefield	KY	
amanda	applegate	KY	
Cathy	Russell	TN	I strongly believe five years isn't long enough for some of these criminals. Maybe first offense is five but your second offense you're done for.
Athira	Madappurakkal	IL	
Athira	Madappurakkal	IL	
Thomas	Watkins	MI	
Cassie	Omar	TX	Dog fighting is a horrible crime!
Frank	Milano	NJ	
abby	cedano	CA	I believe that this animal cruelty must stop immediately and I would want to help get the word out any way possible.
abby	cedano	CA	
Laura	Lewis	WA	
STEPHANIE	SOLTISH	NY	
aron	shevis	NY	
aron	shevis	NY	
Lawrence	atkinson	TX	I agree I love my dogs !!! I love my dogs . they have feeling too.you chose them they didn't choose tou. So take care of them like you would take child of one of your family .God bless
Lawrence	atkinson	TX	
Mindy	McBride	UT	Be the voice and help them with the power!

I am a lover of the apbt breed. There should be harsh punishments for anyone who puts an animal into a situation like that. Whether it's the "bait puppies and dogs" or the dogs they train to fight! Dogs have feelings, emotions. Most of them are smarter than humans! All the dog is doing is trying to please it's "owner" and i use that term loosely. I used to take in abused Pit bulls and rehabilitate them and find them loving homes. Dogs are a lot like children. If someone did that to a child, they would be behind bars for a long time. The same should happen to people who fight dogs. Because in a ring, only one dog comes out alive, if that. Which is Premeditated murder!!! Not to mention illegal! If i lived closer i would volunteer at Villalobos Rescue Center is a Pit Bulls Dog rescue.

angela	bowman	NY
Suzanne	Roper	GA
anais	cardenas	CA
Nicole	Johnson	NE
Lawrence	atkinson	TX
Carolyn	Knowles	AR
Heather	Brimmer	WI
lacey	Hall	TN
Mikayla	Prather	CA

It's as simple as this. You do the crime you do the time!

There needs to be An end to all Animal abuse!!

Love this company
Harming defenseless animals should have just as much penalty as harming defenseless children. They are all God's creatures. There should be higher penalties and jail time for those who harm or kill them by making them fight with other dogs. I will pray that you will do the right thing for the sake of innocent animals by making sure this amendment passes. Those who engage in dog fighting should not just get a hand slapped. They should face a steeper sentence of 5 yrs. By doing so, this may deter others from such actions.

Catherine	Garrett	CA
JL	Humphrey	AR
Allen	ramos	CA
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Taylor	Feaganes	VA
Teresa	Mote	OH

Dog fighting needs to stop and offenders deserve the maximum punishment.

Tessa	Fink	NC
Vincenza	Libasci	NY
SarahJane	Skinner	FL
Matt	Fontenot	LA
Melissa	Rasmussen	CA
Kevin	Coker	SC

Ive been a dog lover my whole life and i grew up seeing these sick and uncared for dogs on the side of the road. It breaks my heart when people take their dogs into fighting, because i believe the dogs probably got their hopes up thinking they have finally found a home and a family but really they get hurt and die alot of the times. How people do this to animals is beyond me.

These animals a victims of unspeakable cruelty from the bait animals to the animals sent in to kill or be killed! These HUMANS should punished with the maximum sentence.

Animal fighting is the conduct of persons who are psychologically ill. For a person to believe these canines feel no remorse, love, compassion, and have no emotional abilities is false misconceptions fostered by evil from within the people involved. People watching these events are feeding a missing component of humanity. The stiffer, consistent penalties are a way to show by example for the United States to not tolerate violence period. Animal, person, and environmental respect and compassion must be reserved and protected. End Dog Fighting conceptions in every aspect by punishing all persons watching, organizing, and breeding for the specific of dog fighting to the extent of the Law, so lets get the Law in writing and implemented in our STATEWIDE CONSISTENT courtrooms practicing Justice for All.

Trudy	Hammond	OR
nicole	king	KY
nicole	king	KY
april	vaughan	AR
mary	schroyer	OH
lacey	Hall	TN
Christine	Rennie	OH
tammie	hulse	OK
Lauren	Polanosky	PA
Shayna	Berling	FL
JL	Humphrey	AR

i support any organization that keeps animals safe! i will display te sticker in my truck window to support against animal violence

this should not be treated as a victimless crime

I love all animals

CHRISTY	Kaewwanaratana	NV	It's very in humane for anyone to use animals for entertainment or for their own pleasure . They are innocent and should not be used and abused.
reddog	himself	KY	
			luv you guys
			I am against cruelty to animals 100%. My cat is a rescue and he only has three legs since the previous owner's children broke it and the hospital had to amputate it. I was wondering if you could please send me some logo stickers, I'd like to spread knowledge on this topic.
Gloria	Young	MN	
James	Eiland	FL	
Arissa	Howard	CA	Animals are beings too, there is no excuse for abuse.
jada	mayer	SC	
Maddie	Ajack	WI	
Deb	Hurlburt	NY	
Skye	Acevez	AZ	
			Animal abusers deserve harsher punishment, otherwise they'll keep doing it. Please act on the animals' behalf. Thank you.
Katie	Cindric	OR	
paul	monda		
Teresa	Tyler	OR	
Neeka	NEGARHEND	CA	Animals have rights!
Teresa	Tyler	OR	
Neeka	NEGARHEND	CA	
Skye	Acevez	AZ	
Gavin	Jones	TN	
crystal	caskey	NY	
Melissa	Dinh	CA	
			Dog fighting is the most awful activity ever! My heart was broken when criminals like Michael Vick were barely punished for such a cruel thing.
Olivia	Bancroft	CA	
Sara	Snyder	PA	
Krista	Yockel	SC	#gettough!
Josh	Leese	MD	
alex	klawuh	OR	
Katja	Romine	NV	
Betty	Vermillion	NC	
			I START AT HOME TEACHING MY YOUNG CHILDREN TO BE KIND AND GENTLE TO ANIMALS WE HAVE A CAT, I INSURE FOR THEM TO RESPECT HER AS OUR FAMILY..
shirin	narimanian	AZ	
mike	morbois	NH	

Morgan	Rabideau	NY	
			We look back at history and get disgusted when we see the human equivalent of dog fighting (slaves forced to fight) so why is it even an issue anymore. No fighting, for anyone or anything.
Emily	Robert	ME	
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James	Sunday	IN	
Tonya	Hansen	CO	
Darlington	Michael	WV	Should get atleast 5 years if not more for dog fighting its jus unnessasary to do that to dogs and cruel No Judge should allow or condone this kind of behavior. It is cruel and animals have feelings also. Anyone doing this should be put in prison.
Linda	Barnett	KY	
isaiah	masker	OH	
Cerissa	Battershell	AZ	
Rachel	Jones	FL	Love what you guys do!
Amanda	Bowman	VA	I have always been against dog fighting I've always been against dog fighting and puppy mills. My closet friend works with the SPCA down here and I know she would love to have this on her car
Amanda	Bowman	VA	
Joanna	Jay	CA	
Kait	Nelson	WI	
helen	vern	IL	
Matt	Smar	MI	
Chee Jen	Ngeh	OH	I think animals shouldnt be treated as objects
			Please help these defenseless dogs who are so viciously abused and left to die!! They have no voice and we need to be their voice! They don't deserve this kind of vicious treatment which is so often heard about and seen everyday and is sooo sad!!
Michelle	Berstler	PA	
Joann	Quintero	NC	
Fiona	Johnson	NC	As a lover of dogs i want to help in the fight to protect them I rescued a bait dog. And he is the best dog I have ever owned. He's american bulldog and was bait for pits. I couldn't leave him in that situation.
jenn	tamkus	MA	
Francely	Mondragon	IL	

Abigail	Jenkins	GA	Animal fighting is beyond disgusting. We should be treating our furry friends as human beings. And if a person were to treat a human being the way they treat these animal we would lock them up for life. My dog is like a child to me, he's my world. It makes me tear up thinking the kind of people that do this let along the kind of people who continue to allow it to be okay. We need a change. NOW. YESTERDAY!
Josh	McCullough	NE	
jessica	mair	NY	
Deja	Rogers	MO	I support this campaign so much. Dog fighting is a terrible crime and the people who partake in these it need to be punished to the full extent.
Patrick	Walsh	CA	
kenneth	ribera	PA	
aron	shevis	NY	
Danielle	Shaw	IL	
brandi	grimes	FL	
laura	price	IA	
jim	lazzari	PA	
Elisabeth	Coleman	NC	
allali	hemza	AL	
James	Campbell	UT	dog's lives matter I love dogs so so so so much. Seeing that dog fighting is still a problem truly breaks my heart. I hope that one day it won't be something we have to deal with.
Mary	Manders	MN	
laura	price	IA	Our family member, Georgie, was a rescue dog that was used as "bait" for pit bulls in our area. Even though we have had a city wide ban for many years, our area is still plagued with pit bull fighting. STOP THIS!!! Animal abusers need the same punishment as a human would receive for abuse! Animal fighting is wrong and it needs to be stopped. All lives matter! Disgusting, animals have hearts too. end dog fighting for good!
Kirsten	Luke	NY	
Rachele	Tolentino	NV	
aron	shevis	NY	
kristen	huber	NY	
Amanda	Clements	MN	
ashlee	masterson	IN	
ashlee	masterson	IN	
Jolene	Schott	PA	
Autumn	Brooks	AR	
greg	trimble	OH	

Dogs are for loving not fighting

			I love your organization and would absolutely love to get your stickers and promo stuff! Would it be possible to ask for 2? Because my little sister really wants one as well.
cassie	fisher	FL	
Steve	Wanninger	IL	
angela	chaussee	SD	no fightin
Jesse	W	MS	Get tough on dog fighting!!!
Anne	Gassett	AR	
Lib	Cox	AR	
			I've rescued 3 dogs all of which were used in some sort of dog fighting or abuse and they are th sweetest dogs in the world two of which are pits and love my newborn baby its all in how you raise them and the love you give. I've even dedicated an actual full sized bed to my dogs for nap time.
Eddie	White	NC	
Kim	Zwicker	MA	
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			Dogs lives are just as important as human lives. This needs to be recognized and animal cruelty needs to be stopped.
Nicole	Fox	OR	
Brandon	Moretti	FL	
Marisol	Dominguez	CA	
			I ne only way to reduce and eliminate animal abuse in the name of profit by cretins who engage in this type of practice is to create tougher laws at the Federal and State level. Without serious reprimand via major monetary fines as well as incarceration, animal cruelty associated with dog and cock fighting will continue to elicit a black eye against us as a society. Animal abusers are pre-cursors to human abuse be it child, spousal or geriatric. Tougher laws are needed now and as a legislator it is time to act.
Gerald	Jacob	TX	I do not like any kind of animal cruelty. Animals are people to. People who act in any kind of animal cruelty should face harsh sentences.
Terry	Enfinger	SC	
Rebecca	Ford	IN	

Jordan	Hawken	IL	<p>This is an issue very close to my heart. My brother's beloved dog, Cadet, was stolen from his own backyard and killed in a dog fight. The man who tore Cadet from his loving home was sentenced to 2 months in prison. 2 months for tearing a family apart. If Cadet had been a human child, there would be outrage. Cadet was my brother's best friend since he found him roaming near the Scott Air Force Base. He my niece's favorite playmate when her daddy was doing training missions. The fact that this man can tear a family apart and get away with only 2 months jail time cannot and should not stand. PLEASE consider updating the sentencing guidelines. Cadet's death should not be in vain. Thank you for taking your time to read this.</p> <p>I support the fight against dog fighting as well as dog baiting for hunting. Every voice helps!</p>
Anthony	Wick	MA	
Noah	James	NE	
Amy	Thompson	KY	<p>Dog fighting is cruel and unusual punishment to animals. The person or persons participating in such activity should suffer the maximum penalty allowable by law. There is no excuse acceptable.. This is so inhuman...</p>
Michael	Day	WV	<p>Dogs are made slaves to their owners and forced to fight. They have no choice but to do what they are trained to do or die. We as a society do not accept bullying or fighting of our children, why should we accept it of our endearing, loving companions.</p>
John	Faulk	GA	
Kylene	Sevy	TN	Thanks guys this is awesome !
Zach	Kirkhove	IL	Good work !!!
JOSHUA	BURLEY	OK	WWE IS amazing
Rebecca	Rodriguez	CA	Dog fighting is wrong and sad.
Jessica	Price	AL	
sophia	Rodriguez	TX	
Alexandra	Capitanucci	MI	
Kerrick	Sanker	GA	
Thadduse	Seabolt	TN	
Jessica	Adkins	TN	
Dawn	Coleman	IL	
Emily	Benzing	PA	
annalisa	Pardo	CA	

Christopher	Smith	CA	I own a Pit and she is the sweetest dog in the world . I can't believe people would enjoy fighting these dogs . They are almost human . My girl has to be tucked in at night or she wont go to sleep . I love her .
sharon	evans	FL	
Ryan	Stoick	TX	Dog Fighting needs to be stopped. Harsher sentences will help in this battle. The public outcry to the Michael Vick dog fighting expose in 2008 is a case in point - we here in America do not condone such cruel and barbaric practices against animals. Animal fighting is a very serious crime, with horribly painful consequences for its innocent, helpless animal victims. Those who engage in the depravity of animal fighting are greedy and heartless, and should be handed the appropriate maximum prison sentence of 5 years for their crime, which would also hopefully serve as a deterrent for future crimes of this nature. Please update the animal fighting guidelines during this amendment cycle to reflect that maximum prison sentence of 5 years. I and so many others would be so very thankful.
Joanne	Perone	IL	Sincerely,
Jeanie	Green	SC	
Laura	Wilde	CT	
Sarah	Abel	OH	
Keegan	Leonard	GA	
claire	rushing	IL	get tough I agree
Sylvia	Quast	CA	
Anya	Birnbaum	CA	Great cause, great work! Keep it up!
bree	martin	SC	
brad	brown	TX	
Christle	Santino	OR	
			The animal abuse is the most horrible thing that happens in this country or anywhere else. The animals are precious they have a soul, they have feelings, they have love just same as people. Please we need laws to protect all animals. We need to put those animal abusers in prison for good number of years for the cruelty. Thank You Signed by Kim Giunta
Kim	Giunta	MD	
Kayla	Belcher	OH	
Nathan	Clutts	NC	
Nathan	Clutts	NC	
Jennifer	Cooper	IN	
DAWN	maskell	NH	

lenika	rivas	AZ	
Christopher	JimeJimenez	PR	
Christopher	JimeJimenez	PR	
aron	shevis	NY	
aron	shevis	NY	
shaun	copelin	FL	
shaun	copelin	FL	
Tracye	Martin	LA	I have a pit sweetie pie
Amanda	Deane	VA	
Amanda	Deane	VA	
Emmanuel	Villasenor	AZ	
Genevieve	FLores	CA	
Monica	Gurik	OH	
carley	young	SC	I absolutely love this hashtag. we need to end dog fighting.
Dennis	Flanagan	NY	Animal abuse punishment should be the same as child abuse considering neither know how to or could defend themselves I do not believe in animal fighting. I have saved a few animals from this kind of abuse.
Tressa	Johnivan	MI	
Michael	Adreani	IL	Thank you for everything you do. Dog fights must stop!
Brooke	Clifford	KY	
Jody	Cartwright	NC	End dog fighting now and impose the maximum penalty for offenders!!!!!!! I am a big-time Animal Activist!! We are their voice! I support ASPCA & PETA. On Facebook, I am also a major Animal Activist - I sign tons of animal cruelty petitions (and share them on my page and in groups) regularly. Animals are SO precious to me, and I will do whatever I can to help out the animals, all over the world!!!
Dana	Kotek	IL	
chelsea	lopez	CA	i love all animals and it makes me happy to know there are people and groups out there willing to anything to stop this horrible thing from happening i would like to help in anyway i can to save dogs from fighting
melissa	salazar	NM	
kristin	eisner	AL	
H	Mc	MN	
H	Mc	MN	